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FIRST EDITION.

EUROPE.

BY THE ATLANTIC CABLE.

Russia Patronizing Prussia.

ST. PETERSBURG, December 18.—A number of distinguished Prussians, who have been visiting this city, were to-day escorted to the railway station upon the occasion of their return home by the Emperor Alexander, the Grand Duke Constantine and the princes of the imperial house, all of whom, as a compliment to their guests, were dressed in full Prussian uniform. The Russian Academy of Sciences has elected Gen. Von Moltke an honorary member.

Miscellaneous Dispatches.

LONDON, December 19.—Minister Bancroft yesterday delivered to the Emperor of Germany, who is arbitrator in the matter, the memorandum of the American Government with regard to the northwest boundary question.

The Prince continues to make satisfactory progress.

The Sublime Porte and the Khedive of Egypt have refused to purchase the Suez Canal, which is offered for sale.

LONDON, December 19.—The Queen will remain at Windsor during the holidays, instead of going to Osborne, as was at first proposed. The progress of the Prince of Wales towards recovery is in all respects satisfactory.

LONDON, December 19.—The press of this city show much anxiety over the largely increased emigration to the United States, and recommend remedial measures.

PARIS, December 19.—The prisoners Billioray, Rastrul and Henri Rochefort, now undergoing confinement in Fort Bryard, in pursuance of the sentence of the court martial, are sick in the infirmary at that fortification.

The French Government refuses to sell the crown jewels to private parties.

The number of students in the College of Metz has diminished from five hundred to three since the German occupation of the city, and in the college at Colman the number has been reduced from four hundred to sixty, of whom forty-eight are Germans.

PARIS, December 19.—The Duke D'Aumale and Prince de Joinville took their seats in the National Assembly to-day. They sat in the center of the members of the right. Their appearance created no sensation in that body. A bill has been introduced in the Assembly providing for the release of the Communist prisoners who hold no office.

LONDON, December 19.—A meeting of the Erie Railroad Stockholders' Protective Society was held to-day. Mr. Raphael presided, and in the course of some remarks said the present organization cannot long survive the fall of the twin monster of the Tammany ring. An avowed object of the Republican Legislature of New York is, he said, to break up the present management of the Erie Railroad. Mr. Raphael warned stockholders against making any compromise whatever with Fisk and Gould.

Marine News.

LONDON, December 19.—The steamers City of Antwerp, Samaria and Darien arrived out.

The Markets.

LONDON, December 19.—Consols, money, 92⅞; account, 92⅝; 5-20s, '62, 92⅜; 5-20s, '65, 93⅞; 5-20s, '67, 93⅝; 10-40s, 91⅞.
FRANKFORT, December 19.—5-20s, '62, 96¾@96⅝.
PARIS, December 19.—Rentes 56f. 62c.
LIVERPOOL, December 19.—Cotton dull; middling uplands 9⅝@10; advices from Manchester less favorable, and cause dullness. Califorula wheat 12s 6d; red spring 10s 10d@11s 3d; red winter 11s 6d; Flour 25s@s; corn 31s 6d; barley 3s 10d.

TRIAL OF MRS. WHARTON.

An Attempt to Raise $11,000—A Medical Expert Examined.

ANNAPOLIS, December 19.—The Court opened at ten o'clock. Henry Sherman, of Washington city, and Gen. William Myers testified to the temperate habits and christian life of Gen. Ketchum. General George D. Wise, of Baltimore county, Md., was sworn, and testified that he met Mrs. Wharton after the death of Ketchum, July 7th, and she wished him to accept her note for eleven thousand dollars, as she wished to raise funds with which to go to Europe. Witness asked how she intended to meet the note when it became due; she stated from funds derived from her income, which was eleven thousand dollars a year. He asked what security she had to give him; she answered that she had western bonds—witness thinks she named St. Louis bonds—and real estate in Baltimore, but she had given her word to her uncle in Philadelphia, who she had reason to know had made a will in her favor, leaving her his property worth six or seven hundred thousand dollars, that she would not complicate or hypothecate any of her securities or mortgage her estate. Mrs. Wharton expressed a willingness to give one thousand dollars to secure the loan. Her manner was incoherent and wild, and somewhat excitable; and so much so that witness did not think her enstrup in her right mind. Dr. Frank Donaldson, of Baltimore, was sworn and examined as a medical expert. He has practiced medicine for twenty years. Dr. Donaldson proceeded at length in comparing the symptoms, &c., in the case with those of chronic mortus, uræmic poison and apoplexy, and finally said that to the best of his knowledge and belief Mrs. Wharton did not cause natural causes. The witness being asked to state whether it was his opinion that death could have resulted from opium, said there was one symptom, the semi-comatose condition described, that would make him strongly suspect opium; but as it had been shown that General Ketchum spoke intelligible half an hour before his death, it could not have been opium, as he could not have been roused. Court adjourned.

Two Fatal Accidents Near Fort Wayne.

Special Dispatch to the Commercial.

FORT WAYNE, Ind., December 19, 1871.

While hauling a load of staves to Bleuffton, Indiana, to-day, the team of William Gordon became scared and run away. Gordon was pitched from the wagon, the wheels of which passed over his neck, killing him instantly. He leaves a family at Napoleon.

This afternoon Joseph Hartman was tipped from a wagon load of corn which upset. The boom pole struck him in the back of the neck, and he died instantly. He was a well-to-do farmer, and leaves a family.

There has been a sudden change in the weather here, the mercury falling fifteen degrees in two hours.

Small-Pox in Lowell, O.—All the Stores Closed.

Special Dispatch to the Commercial.

LOWELL, O., December 19, 1871.

A contagious disease made its appearance in this place about three weeks ago, and several have since died with it. Our physicians could not tell what it was, and yesterday Drs. Woodbridge and McCurdy, of Youngstown, were summoned. They visited several parties who had it, and pronounced it small-pox. The disease has got such headway that it is feared it will prove disastrous to a great many. A meeting was called today, and precautionary measures taken. All stores are closed, and the town wears a Sunday appearance.

An Aged Inebriate Frozen to Death Near Monroeville, Ind.

Special Dispatch to the Commercial.

MONROEVILLE, IND., December 19, 1871.

D. L. Whitaker, an old resident of this place, was found dead to-day about three o'clock P. M. He had not been seen since the evening of the 17th inst., and was supposed to have frozen to death. An inquest is being held. The deceased was in the habit of hard drinking, and when last seen was drunk. He leaves a wife and five children.

Strike of Laborers at the Leetonia Blast Furnaces.

Special Dispatch to the Commercial.

LEETONIA, O., December 19, 1871.

This morning the laborers at the blast furnaces of the Leetonia Iron and Coal Company struck for ten per cent. advance of wages. The Superintendent has ordered the strikers all discharged, and new men employed as soon as possible.

POLITICAL.

Democratic Nomination for U. S. Senator.

LOUISVILLE, December 18.—The Hon. C. McCreery, late United States Senator from this State, was nominated by the Democratic legislative caucus at Frankfort to-night, to succeed Hon. Garret Davis.

NEWS SUMMARY.

BY TELEGRAPH.

At Liberty, N. J., Wm. Boast was burned to death while attempting to rescue his child from a burning house.

The small-pox is spreading in Jersey City, Hoboken, Newark and Trenton, and special hospitals for patients are being assigned in those places.

And now it is said ex-Secretary Seward is not ill at all.

The small pox is on the increase in Chicago, principally among immigrants, the board of health finding it impossible to keep this class of cases under sanitary control.

Comstock & Co.'s stove foundry at Quincy, Illinois, was burned yesterday morning, involving a loss of $75,000; insured for $60,000.

On the opening of the Dominion Parliament at Toronto yesterday, the Attorney General announced that the Ministry had resigned.

Henry Perkins has been appointed receiver of the People National Bank, Philadelphia, closed by the action of the Clearing House. It is believed the depositors will be paid, but the surplus and capital stock have disappeared.

XLII. CONGRESS.

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 19, 1871.

SENATE.

The House bill appropriating $4,000,000 for new Government buildings in Chicago, was taken up, debated and passed.

Mr. STEWART introduced a resolution providing a Sixteenth Amendment to the Constitution, prohibiting the giving of aid to sectarian schools.

Mr. SUMNER gave notice that he would propose an amendment to the Constitution providing that the President shall be ineligible to re-election.

On motion of Mr. SCHURZ, the President was requested to give information as to the relations of the United States with Spain, and as to the treatment of Americans in Cuba; also, instructions to our naval commanders in Cuban waters for the purposes stated in the President's message, and also whether any and what attacks on the lives and property of American citizens and the dignity of the flag have occurred, to make it appear that the latter are now in greater danger than before such instructions were issued.

Mr. SCOTT, from the Committee on Finance, reported a substitute for the bill declaratory of the act of July 14th, 1870, to reduce internal taxes and for other purposes. The substitute provides that all taxes upon dividends, interest and undivided profits heretofore assessed or collected from the corporations mentioned in section fifteen of said act, for the time between August 1st, 1870, and January 1st, 1871, shall be remitted or refunded; but this provision shall not apply to sawlty taxes assessed or collected for that part of the year 1870 prior to August 1st.

Mr. EDMUNDS introduced a resolution to punish stock gambling by public officers and for other purposes. It prohibits all persons employed in the Treasury Department or in the collection or disbursement of revenue in any department of the public service from being engaged or concerned in the buying or selling of coin, Government securities or stock of any description, under penalty of a fine not exceeding $10,000 or imprisonment not exceeding ten years, or both. Persons who aid or assist Government employees in such speculations are made liable to half of the above mentioned penalties.

Mr. CHANDLER offered a resolution to refer so much of the President's Message as relates to the telegraphic system of the United States to the Committee on Commerce, and argued in favor of the resolution. He thought it was clear that the telegraph was to be regarded mainly as an instrument of commerce, because probably three-fourths of the messages sent by telegraph were on commercial business. He contrasted the cheapness of telegraphing in Europe with its expensiveness here, and said one of the great advantages of the European system would be the breaking up of the oppressive monopoly known as the Associated Press. But while he thought the Government should control the telegraph lines, he would not be willing to buy them at more than the actual cost of construction. The resolution was laid over.

Mr. CONKLING moved to take up his resolution, offered on Monday evening, directing the Committee on Retrenchment to inquire into the charges made by Mr. Schurz in reference to the general order business in the New York custom house. He wished to say a few words about the investigation by the committee, of which he had been chairman. The New York *Times* of Monday had stated that the committee had held hole-and-corner investigation; had

SECOND EDITION.

WASHINGTON.

The Investigating Business.

Only Two Vacancies in the Senate.

Report on Civil Service Reform.

Rules Proposed by the Commissioners.

Special Dispatch to the Commercial.

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 19, 1871.

The Investigating Business.

The proceedings in the Senate were opened to-day with Mr. Conkling's resolution for the investigation of the affairs of the New York Custom House under consideration. Various amendments were offered, and graciously accepted by the author of the resolution. There was no taste for debate, and really no occasion for it. Schurz opened up on the part of the anti-caucus Republicans, with an amendment that Conkling's resolution be so enlarged as to instruct the Committee to inquire into all cases involving fraud on the public revenue, and Tipton followed with another calling for information as to whether Federal patronage was used to influence either of the two last Republican Conventions in New York. Mr. Conkling was so ready to accept these that he hardly waited for the Clerk to finish reading them before he smiled and nodded approval, and then came Bayard to enlarge Tipton's suggestion upon the New York Custom House, and Blair to inquire into Minister Schenck's connection with the Little Emma mine. All these Conkling voluntarily added to his own proposition, notwithstanding Buckingham looked aghast and protested that his Committee could never begin to investigate all these abuses. Conkling forgot himself but once, and that was when Sumner came in with an amendment instructing the Committee to inquire into the expenditures incurred by the Government in keeping a force of troops in and about San Domingo since the negotiations for annexation have been going on. Here Conkling arose hastily and gave decision enough to his objection to this amendment to counterbalance his suave acceptance of all the others. Mr. Sherman took the occasion of the era of good feeling which seemed to prevail to-day to apologize to Mr. Trumbull for his discourteous treatment of the latter for refusing duties on the wool last Friday. When a vote was finally taken on Conkling's resolution, with its multitudinous amendments, not a single voice responded in the negative from either side of the House.

An English Paper for the Geneva Conference.

One of the papers which England will present at the Geneva Conference will be a carefully prepared statement, made at the British Legation at Washington, giving the details of each movement in this country made in the interest of the Cuban insurgents, including shipments of arms and the sailing of men and aid to Cuban privateers. It is now known that Mr. Montague Bernhard, English authority on the High Commission upon international law, takes the ground that under the treaty England must pay for the depredations of the Florida and Shenandoah.

Easily Settled.

One of the subjects of investigation referred to the new Senate committee can be very speedily finished, namely: the Emma mine. It will not be necessary to send for persons and papers, but simply to examine Mr. Stewart, a member of the committee, under oath.

Only Two Vacancies in the Senate.

The admission of Norwood, of Georgia, to-day, leaves only two vacancies in the Senate—one from North Carolina and one from Alabama. Gen. R. D. Mussey, formerly of Cincinnati, has been appointed by Governor Geary of the commission to revise the laws of this district.

Chicago Public Buildings.

The bill for rebuilding the Chicago public buildings was passed in the Senate to-day with two slight amendments, the effect of which, it is contended, are first to restrict the Secretary of the Treasury to the consideration of the intrinsic value of the land to be purchased, as originally provided, restricting him to the consideration of the value of the land for a postoffice site, and enlarges his liberty of selecting from twenty-four squares distant from the old site. The amendments were subsequently concurred in by the House, and the bill sent to the President for approval.

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 19, 1871.

CIVIL SERVICE REFORM.

The President sent the following message to Congress to-day:

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

In accordance with an act of Congress, approved March 3, 1871, I appointed a commission of eminent gentlemen to devise rules and regulations for the purpose of reforming the civil service. Their labors are now complete, and I transmit herewith, and report, together with the rules which they recommend for my action, their first annual report thereon, and will go into effect on the first day of January, 1872. Under the law referred to, as I interpret it, the authority is already invested in the Executive to enforce these regulations, with full power to abridge, alter or amend them at his option, when changes may be deemed advisable. The service, however, with the report of the commissioners is submitted for your careful consideration as to whether further legislation may be necessary in order to carry out an effective and beneficial civil service reform. If left to me without further congressional action, the rules prescribed by the commission, under the reservation already mentioned, will make no further changes than they are not binding, without further legislation on my successors. Being desirous of bringing this subject to the favorable action of Congress before the approaching recess, I have not time to submit anything more than the accompanying report to enable me to suggest definite legislative action to insure the practical benefits that have followed most of the bounties of the protective system, should be promptly secured to the country. The fact that this bill was not passed at the last session of Congress, and from the names thus certified the appointment shall be made, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, to the offices above the lowest shall be filled by competitive examination of such applicants, conducted in accordance with the rules proposed by the commission, for the grade.

3. Applicants certified or otherwise qualified for appointment as cashiers of collectors of customs, cashiers of assistant treasurers, cashiers of postmasters, and such other custodians of large sums of money as may hereafter be designated by the advisory board, and for whose pecuniary fidelity another person than the appointing officer should be appointed except with the approval of such other officer.

4. Postmasters whose annual salary is less than $200 may be appointed upon the written request of the appointing officer to the head of the department, if his service is satisfactory to the head of the department.

7. The appointment of all persons entering the civil service, except those at the head of departments and persons appointed by the President by and with the advice and consent of the Senate; appointments of postmasters, and persons appointed to any position after a competitive examination, shall be for a probationary term of six months, during which the conduct and capacity of such persons shall be subject to trial, at the end of such a probationary term satisfactory proofs of their fitness shall have been furnished to the board of examiners by the head of the department in which they shall have been employed during the probationary term.

8. The President will designate three persons in each department of the public service as a Board of Examiners, which, under the supervision of the Secretary of State, and under regulations to be prescribed by it, shall at such times and places as it may determine, shall conduct personally or by persons approved by it, all examinations, both competitive and examinations for admission into said departments, or for promotion therein.

9. Any person, who, after long and faithful service in a department, shall have become from accidental or bodily infirmities for the efficient discharge of the duties of his position, may be appointed by the head of the department, in his discretion, to a position of less responsibility in the same department.

10. Nothing in these rules shall be held to abridge or permit, or assist in levying, any assessment of money for political purposes under the forms of taxation or otherwise, or any duty from any person employed under his control, nor shall any such person be required to render political service.

12. The Advisory Board shall at any time recommend to the President the modification of these rules as it may consider necessary to secure greater efficiency of the service.

13. From these rules are excepted heads of departments, assistant secretaries of departments, assistant attorney general, solicitor general, assistant attorney general, solicitor of the treasury, first and second assistant postmasters general, member of claims in the State department, treasurer of the United States, register of the treasury, first and second comptrollers of the treasury, judges of the United States courts, district attorneys, marshals and clerks of such courts, ambassadors and other public ministers, superintendent of coast survey, superintendent of the census, secretaries of Territories, special commissioners, special agents, visiting committees of the Military Board and persons appointed to positions without compensation for services, dispatch agents and bearers of dispatches.

For Christmas.

Christmas is at hand, and many of our readers are doubtless undecided yet as to what they shall purchase for a holiday present for wife, mother, sister, brother, child or father, and to all such we would say go to the well established house with fine perfumery. Call and examine their fine stock.

SALESMAN WANTED.—A first-class salesman in the wholesale grocery business, having a heavy trade in Western Pennsylvania and Ohio, can obtain a good position by addressing "Grocer," Pittsburgh, Pa. Full particulars, gold pens, pen wipers, paper knives, &c. Among the many elegantly bound volumes on our counters we noticed the new edition of Webster's dictionary, bound in Morocco, with gilt edge, a very appropriate article to present to a teacher. Call and examine their stock.

Ware, the Murderer.

The execution of Ware, the murderer, took place in Camden, New Jersey, on Friday morning last. Had this wretched man been furnished with good and useful books through the earlier years of his life, he might not have committed crime, and have been a useful man to the community. The place to buy good books is at the establishment of Goldsteny & Hess, 45 Fifth avenue.

Go and examine Dunseath's fine stock of goods, at 76 Fifth avenue. He is the agent for the justly celebrated United States watch.

The Crowds that Visit

The old book store of Goldsteny & Hess, 45 Fifth avenue, are delighted, for they save from 50 to 100 per cent. by buying their purchases at this well known stand, and they will open up one of the most magnificent stocks of miscellaneous books, just fresh from the East, to be found in this city. Call and see them.

To housekeepers and heads of families we commend the immediate purchase and use of the famous Halford Leicestershire Table Sauce. Give it a trial to assure them how much more palatable soups, fish and meats are made by a dessert spoonful of the Halford.

CITY MATTERS IN BRIEF.

THE "Lady of Lyons" at Library Hall to-night.

THE orphans' fair is in full blast in the basement of the Cathedral.

CORONER WEST, is attending to the duties of his office in his usual efficient manner this week.

MR. WARD will get "Through by Daylight" at Beaman's Opera House to-night.

THE Wyndham Comedy Company, a very talented organization, at the new Opera House this evening.

WARD constables should pay attention to a notice concerning them which appears in our Court proceedings.

SAMUEL BROWN has been elected Captain and Second Ward First Lieutenant in the First Company, Duquesne Greys.

HENRY FARKES, another of the Pat Murphy kind of vagrants, was jailed for ten days yesterday by Mayor Brush.

BETHANY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH yesterday contributed one hundred and ten dollars to Mayor Brush, for the Northwestern sufferers.

Mayor Brush yesterday received, for the benefit of the Northwestern sufferers, a subscription of $110 from the Presbyterian congregation at Bethany.

FIRE MARSHAL Butler has ascertained that the fire in Floyd's stable, on Elm street near Wylie, last week, caught from a burning match in the hay loft.

MR. CHAS. STRAIN has been appointed clerk to Alderman Strain in place of Mr. McGee, who held that position until lately. "Charley" will prove the right man in the right position.

PAT. MURPHY, whom Mayor Callow sent to Claremont, and who Superintendent Corder refused to receive, was taken to that institution on an order from Court.

THE fire at the Robinson House, yesterday morning was extinguished fortunately before any serious harm was done. Five hundred dollars will about cover the damage sustained.

DAVID COFFEY, against whom a charge of felonious assault and battery has been pending for some time, was arrested yesterday by Detective Kennedy, and brought him before Mayor Brush. He was committed to jail for trial at Court.

CHARLES RHEIMS, the young man who was accidentally shot in the thigh while out hunting a few weeks ago, yesterday had his injured leg amputated. The operation was performed by Doctors Miller, Green, Dunn and Clarke. The patient is doing well.

SOME Councilmen are of the opinion that the Guardians of the Poor should be consolidated with the Board of Health. The arrangement would hardly work well. Each Board has plenty to attend to in its own province.

THE express train east on the West Penn Railroad, while passing over the Sharpsburg bridge, struck a man named Michael Myers. The train threw him some distance, injuring him severely, but it is thought not fatally. Dr. Redlich is the attending physician.

YESTERDAY morning the Coroner held an inquest on the remains of Henry Wylie, who died on Sunday morning from injuries received by the caving in of an embankment where he was working, on Western avenue, Twenty-second ward. A verdict in accordental death was rendered.

A DENTIST—to figuring calculates that from now until the first of January the people of Pittsburgh will "grind away with" half a million pounds of turkey, duck, goose and chicken; that at the average price of fourteen cents per pound, will amount to $70,000.

AS will be seen by a card in another column, a meeting of the Allegheny County Polytechnic Association will be held at the office of the Superintendent of the Allegheny Water Works this evening. The subject to be considered is the relative merits of the combined and single cylinder engines.

DANIEL WHITE yesterday made information, before Burgess Jones, charging Nich. Lurtz, Leonard Shardt and George White with the larceny of a quantity of tobacco, pipes and cigars to the value of about twenty dollars. Warrants issued.

PERSONAL.

PERSONAL—MISS MINNIE, YOU CAN get the most delicate Perfumes at CHAS. ABEL & CO.'S, Perfumers, 172 Wylie avenue.

PERSONAL—WANTED, THE ADDRESS of John Snider, a Tailor. Address W. H. RUSSELL, Cadiz, Ohio.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT.

Relief of the Poor.

To those who are constantly brought in contact with the necessities and wants of the unfortunate poor, the gratitude which prompts us to intrude upon the public, our acknowledgement of favors bestowed in their behalf will be easily understood. Many of these cases of misery can be relieved by a small donation of food and fuel, with more advantage to themselves than by larger quantities; because, *unfortunately*, they lack the wisdom to use *money* judiciously. There are, however, many worthy cases in which it seems absolutely necessary to do more than the limited means of the Association will permit, and many a time we are compelled, with sorrow, to refuse aid, or to give it in such limited proportions as to feel that it is, really, little better than none.

Taking this fact into consideration, the perusal of the following note, received last evening from an humble donor, will give the reader some idea of the *pleasure* and *gratitude* caused by its reception:

MRS. WOOD: Enclosed please find twenty-five dollars, which please distribute to the poor that may call on you, and much oblige, yours very respectfully, CHERRY ST. GIVER.

The report of last year's work of the Pittsburgh Association for the Relief of the Poor has been given to the public, and we take this opportunity of soliciting our citizens to respond generously to its appeal in behalf of its empty treasury. Donations will be thankfully received, and may be sent to either Mrs. Harmer Denny, Mrs. B. Preston, or to Mrs. Levi Wade, Secretary, 360 Penn avenue.

A UNITED STATES watch would make a very acceptable Christmas gift. They are the most reliable time keepers made. Dunseath, 76 Fifth avenue, sells them.

Answered.

Where can we get *the best* and *cheapest* Piano or Organ, since *all* dealers claim to have *the* articles required? These and similar questions puzzle the minds of many who intend investing in these indispensable articles of the household. It is but fair to presume that twenty to thirty years of experience in the manufacture of a first class Piano or Organ would produce the desired result. This is most applicable in the case of the Bradbury Schomacker Pianos and the renowned Estey Organs. Perhaps no better than assist in filling Stocking's pockets by purchasing their pianos of him, as he is an enterprising, industrious and deserving man. He also keeps a full stock of the finest brands of cigars and tobacco, at the lowest prices. Call at 77 Fifth avenue, and be convinced, which he serves promptly and regularly. Give him a call.

For fine jewelry for holiday gifts go to Dunseath's 76 Fifth avenue.

Love Among the Roses.

For an elegant Holiday present go to Charles Abel & Co., perfumers, No. 172 Wylie avenue, and leave your order for the well selected stock with fine perfumery. Call and examine their fine stock.

SALESMAN WANTED.—A first-class salesman in the wholesale grocery business, having a heavy trade in Western Pennsylvania and Ohio, can obtain a good position by addressing "Grocer," Pittsburgh, Pa. Full particulars, gold pens, pen wipers, paper knives, &c. Among the many elegantly bound volumes on our counters we noticed the new edition of Webster's dictionary, bound in Morocco, with gilt edge, a very appropriate article to present to a teacher. Call and examine their stock.

ALLEGHENY.

AT a meeting of the stockholders of the People's Savings Bank, yesterday afternoon, the following Board of Directors was elected: A. H. Hartman, Samuel Dyer, R. B. Megraw, W. H. Burt, J. C. Patterson, S. S. Smith, W. G. Gibson, Richard Jenkinson, Robert Forrester.

Supposed Drowning Case.

A lad about twelve years of age named Robert Deary, who resides on Beaver street, Second ward, has been missing since Sunday last, and it is feared has been drowned. He left home Sunday morning to visit a married sister living on Penn avenue, Twelfth ward. On Sunday afternoon he heard that a fight was going on between the Allegheny and Pittsburgh boys on the ice at Herrs Island, and went to witness it. The Pittsburgh boys soon learned that he lived in Allegheny, and drove him to this side, at the same time pelting him with stones, kicking him, etc. Nothing more has been heard of him since that time. It was reported yesterday by the boys engaged in the fight that he had broken through the ice, and was drowned. The parents of the lad are greatly distressed at his rumored death, and since they have not heard of their son since he left home, fear it may prove true.

DIVIDENDS.

☞ ARSENAL BANK.—DIVIDEND NOTICE.—The Arsenal Bank have this day declared a Dividend of FIVE PER CENT. for the current half year, payable to Stockholders at the Banking House, corner of Butler and Forty-third streets, on and after December 20th, 1871. J. H. RIDDELL, President.
JOHN W. RIDDELL, President.
C. L. STRAUB, Cashier.
Pittsburgh, December 16, 1871.

☞ PEOPLE'S SAVINGS BANK.—The Directors of this Bank have this day declared a Dividend of FIVE PER CENT., free of tax, payable on and after January, 1872.
J. P. YOUNG, Cashier.
Allegheny, December 18, 1871.

☞ DIVIDEND NO. 20.—WARREN AND VENANGO OIL CO.—The Board of Directors have this day declared a Dividend of FIVE ($5) DOLLARS per share, payable forthwith at the office of this Company, No. 99 Fifth avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa.
J. S. FERGUSON, Clerk.
December 12, 1871.

☞ OFFICE OF THE CITIZENS' INSURANCE CO.—DIVIDEND NOTICE.—The President and Directors of this Company have this day declared a Dividend of FIVE DOLLARS per share, free of tax, payable to the Stockholders on demand.
JOHN REA, Secretary.
Pittsburgh, December 7, 1871.

NOTICES.

☞ CITY BANK OF PITTSBURGH.—An Election for Thirteen Directors of this Bank, to serve for the ensuing year, will be held at the Banking House, on TUESDAY, January 9, 1872, between the hours of 11 A. M. and 2 P. M.
W. H. TAYLOR, Cashier.
Pittsburgh, Pa., December 18, 1871.

☞ NATION'S BANK FOR SAVINGS.—An Election for Directors of this Bank will be held at the Banking House, on TUESDAY, January 9th, 1872, between the hours of 10 A. M. and 2 P. M.
E. M. JENKINS, Secretary.

☞ IRON CITY NATIONAL BANK.—An Election for Directors of this Bank will be held at the Banking House, on TUESDAY, January 9, 1872, between the hours of 11 and 3 P. M.
GEO. R. DUNCAN, Cashier.
December 9, 1871.

☞ AN ELECTION FOR ELEVEN DIRECTORS OF THE PEOPLE'S NATIONAL BANK OF PITTSBURGH will be held at the Banking House, on TUESDAY, January 9th, 1872, between the hours of 11 o'clock A. M. and 2 P. M.
S. M. GORDON, Cashier.
Pittsburgh, December 9, 1871.

☞ TRADESMEN'S NATIONAL BANK.—The annual meeting of Stockholders of the Election of Directors will be held at the Bank, on TUESDAY, January 9th, from 11 A. M. to 1 P. M.
CYRUS CLARKE JR., Cashier.

☞ GERMAN NATIONAL BANK OF PITTSBURGH.—The Annual Election for Directors of this Bank, to serve for the ensuing year, will be held at the Banking House, on TUESDAY, January 9th, 1872, between the hours of 10 A. M. and 2 P. M.
Pittsburgh, December 18, 1871.
W. G. LAUBENT, Cashier.

☞ FARMERS' DEPOSIT NATIONAL BANK.—The Annual Election for Directors of this Bank, to serve for the ensuing year, will be held at the Banking House, on TUESDAY, January 9th, 1872, between the hours of 1 and 3 o'clock P. M.
GEORGE NICH. LURTZ, Cashier.
December 9, 1871.

☞ THIRD NATIONAL BANK OF PITTSBURGH.—An Election for Directors of this Bank to serve for the ensuing year, will be held at the Banking House, on TUESDAY, January 9th, 1872, between the hours of 11 A. M. and 2 P. M.
W. STEINMEYER, Cashier.

☞ FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF BIRMINGHAM.—The Annual Election for Seven Directors, to serve for the ensuing year, will be held at the Bank, on TUESDAY, January 9th, 1872, between the hours of 2 and 4 o'clock P. M.
JOHN P. BEECH, Cashier.
Birmingham, December 9, 1871.

SOUTH SIDE.

ITEMS IN BRIEF.

MORE new engine houses.

THE *Courier* is now issued daily.

THE Sanitary Committee of the two Birminghams meet to-night.

SQUIRE SALISBURY yesterday fined a couple of men two dollars each for creating disorder in a street car.

THERE are no old cars on the Pittsburgh and Birmingham Railway now. The last of the old ones was replaced with a new one yesterday.

HON. JOSEPH WALTON and Frank M. Roberts will be seen on the stage in splendid dressing gowns at the 1st St. Peter's Church fair, Ormsby, which commences to-morrow evening.

JOHN GAMBOR, Henry Lintner, Jacob Hartman and J. Field were charged with disturbing the Presbyterian church on Sarah and Twentieth streets. Justice Conrad caused their arrest and fined them two dollars and costs each.

DANIEL WHITE yesterday made information, before Burgess Jones, charging Nich. Lurtz, Leonard Shardt and George White with the larceny of a quantity of tobacco, pipes and cigars to the value of about twenty dollars. Warrants issued.

PERSONAL.

PERSONAL—MISS MINNIE, YOU CAN get the most delicate Perfumes at CHAS. ABEL & CO.'S, Perfumers, 172 Wylie avenue.

PERSONAL—WANTED, THE ADDRESS of John Snider, a Tailor. Address W. H. RUSSELL, Cadiz, Ohio.

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WANTED.

WANTED—SITUATION—BY A LADY of the highest respectability and fully competent, a Situation as Housekeeper in a Gentleman's family; would prefer the West or South. Address S. G., Commercial.

WANTED—TO EMPLOY—A GOOD general Wagon Wood Worker; one accustomed to all kinds of wagon and wood work. Also, a good Carriage Blacksmith, accustomed to light and heavy carriage work. Must be a first-class workman. Call on or address HOWELL, GELVIN & CO., Mercer, Pa.

WANTED—SALESMAN—IN AN OLD established and large Wholesale Grocery House, a first-class Salesman that has a heavy trade in Western Pennsylvania and Ohio. Address parties, "Wholesale," with references, Box 2,244, Philadelphia Postoffice. MWF

WANTED—TO SELL—A MANUFACTURING Business paying largely. Price $3,000. Good reasons for disposing of it. Address H. H., this office.

WANTED—SALESMAN—IN A WHOLESALE Notion House, in Philadelphia. A young Man, unmarried, who is acquainted in the business and has a good trade, to travel in Western Pennsylvania and Ohio. Good reference required. Address a sliding terms, HERZBERG, BROS. & POLLACK, 350 Market st., Philadelphia. w

WANTED—BARBER—A GOOD BARBER, German preferred, to locate in New Bethlehem, Clarion county, Pa. Location good, being on a new line of Railroad. For further information inquire by person, at McNutt House, New Bethlehem, Pa.

WANTED—MINERS—25 COAL MINERS immediately. Inquire of P. L. GRIM, New Galilee Station, P., Ft. W. and C. R. W.

WANTED—YOUNG MAN—A YOUNG Man of good business qualifications, with a small Capital and a little Mechanical Skill, can find an opportunity to invest as a Partner in a good paying and well established business by addressing Box 48, Section A., Greenville, Pa.

WANTED—PARTNERS—ONE OR TWO Gentlemen who have from $5,000 to $10,000 each, to engage in the Iron Business. Finney Iron Mine in full operation. Address A. B., Commercial office.

WANTED—MORTGAGES—ONE MORTGAGE for Six Thousand Dollars, for years, and one for Three years for Fifteen Thousand Dollars, in Allegheny, or adjoining municipalities. AMPHLETT, DILWORTH & CO., 84 Fifth avenue.

WANTED—EXPERIENCED MAN—TO take charge of two Cupolas and one Air Furnace, at our Foundry, in New Castle, Lawrence county, Pa. Steady work guaranteed. New Castle Manufacturing Co., New Castle, Pa.

WANTED—PARTNERS—A PARTY OR Parties with a Capital of $10,000 to $20,000, Operating a Blast Furnace. Having a large tract of valuable Coal and Iron land in fee simple in operation, a rare opportunity is offered to parties with the above capital to invest. Address Salem Coal and Iron Co., Salem, Ohio.

WANTED—ENGINE—A PORTABLE Engine, about twenty horse power; one on wheels preferred. Address Box 1,000, Allegheny City.

WANTED—MOULDERS—A NUMBER of good Machinery Moulders can find steady employment at the Pittsburgh Locomotive and Car Wheel Works, by applying to J. H. BASS, Foreman.

WANTED—GIRLS—FOR CITY AND country. Men waiting Farm work, Gardening, Driving, &c. Employment Office, No. 1 Sixth st.

WANTED—MORTGAGES—IN LARGE or small sums, on Improved Real Estate. Also Mortgages, Ground Rents and Judgments. Apply to JAMES HOLMES, Attorney at Law, 179 Smithfield st. MWF

WANTED—EVERYBODY—ANNOYED with Rats, Mice or Roaches to try Abel's Vermin Exterminator. Prepared only by CHAS. ABEL & CO., Druggists, 172 Wylie avenue.

WANTED—SITUATIONS—FOR MILL HANDS, Miners, Blacksmiths, Carpenters, Puddlers, Heaters, Bricklayers and Millwrights. Address, "Workers' Labor Agency," Pittsburgh, Pa., First National Bank Building. Pittsburgh, Pa. C. A. BURROWS, Secretary.

WANTED—FARMERS, MARKET GARDENERS AND OTHERS.—For a married Englishman, aged thirty-one, with family, permanent employment. He has a scientific knowledge of agriculture in all its branches, and is a good mechanic. Therefore will be useful on a farm or market garden. The best of references from England. Would take the charge of a Farm on shares, or Market Garden, or engage on salary or shares. His wife is fully competent to do the washing and ironing. Address or inquire of the undersigned as above. Best of references. Address R. R., Commercial office. w

BUSINESS CHANCES.

FOR SALE—A HARDWARE STORE, with full

The Daily Commercial.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1871.

THE return of Gen. SICKLES will create a diplomatic vacancy, in filling which unusual prudence should be exercised. Notwithstanding the personal objections that were urged to Gen. SICKLES, we venture to say that it will be the testimony of the State Department that he has ably performed his duties; and the Administration, after all that has been said of the returning Minister, will not easily find one who will fill his place. Just at present we should be well represented at Madrid; and now that there is to be a change it is a favorable moment to inaugurate a more vigorous policy, for desiring which there are so many reasons.

THE *Herald* points to Mexico and Cuba for an issue whereon to rally the country, and silence controversy about the Presidency. Without particular regard to the effect which such a policy would have on the Presidential election, it seems to us that the administration might safely rely on the support of the country in a vigorous course towards Spain. The so-called war in the island of Cuba is a scandal to the civilized world. American citizens have been outraged and our national dignity treated with contempt,—added to all of which is the duty we owe to those who are struggling for freedom—more especially from Spanish tyranny. Let us have a vigorous Cuban policy.

THE sudden ordering home of Count CATACAZY suggests the probability that until General GRANT's message was received at St. Petersburg, the full extent to which he had made himself offensive and the importance attached to his conduct by this government were not perfectly comprehended. While CATACAZY, without doubt, simply obeyed his instructions and did no more than was expected of him, the publicity given to his conduct has probably rendered it necessary that his government should seem to be displeased with him. The narrative of Mr. FISH was so extremely damaging that Prince GORTCHAKOFF doubtless perceived that a longer residence here would compromise Russia if it did not menace the kindly relations between the two countries. But we shall doubtless hear of CATACAZY enjoying the favor of his government in some other capacity.

It may be that the general public is a little wearied or befogged with the Civil Service question; but surely, few persons, however wearied or befogged, will fail to comprehend joyfully what is meant when it is said that the committee, of which GEORGE W. CURTISS is Chairman, charged with the duty of framing a plan for reforming the Service, are about to report one, which prohibits recommendations for office from Congressmen, and also prohibits removals on political grounds. There is of course much more in the plan, but these are two conspicuous features. Gen. GRANT, it is believed, will indorse the report and send it to Congress; but its sanction is not deemed necessary to put it in operation, as the plan is only a new set of rules under existing laws. With such a system in operation, the ax will be laid at the roots of many of the worst evils that afflict the country.

WE have not a single word to utter against the late appropriation of four millions of dollars by Congress for the purpose of reconstructing the United States public buildings in Chicago. On the contrary, we rejoice at it, knowing, as we do, that in a variety of ways it must be productive of benefit. Still, we are of the opinion of the Cincinnati *Enquirer* that a country rich enough to make this munificent appropriation, ought not hesitate for a moment in giving double the amount to render the Ohio river navigable throughout the year. The public value and importance of the Chicago buildings may be doubtless is, considerable—and we are heartily glad that the appropriation in question has been made. So far as the commercial and financial interests of the nation are concerned, however, it is but a drop in the bucket compared with the advantages that would result from keeping the navigation of our great highway open all the year round.

THE leading members of the Tammany ring have very often boasted of the number and potency of their friends, and it would almost seem as if a strong attachment did really exist toward them on the part of the people generally; indictment upon indictment, and detainer on detainer, being issued against TWEED and CONNOLLY, with a rapidity almost equal to the rate at which papers of citizenship were formerly ground out by the naturalization mills of that city. This shows the depth and intensity of the interest which the people take in them, and it is to be hoped the solicitude may not in anywise abate. The bulletins issued from Sandringham by the medical attendants of the Prince of Wales during his late alarming illness, were not read with more interest nor awaited with more eagerness by the people of England, than are these bulletins descriptive of the rapid recovery of New York from its almost fatal attack of paralysis of the moral faculties, watched and waited for by the good citizens of this country generally; and it is probable that the honest and hearty subjects of Great Britain will rejoice quite as much with our patient in its rejoicing convalescence, as do the people of the United States with them at the prospect of the restoration to health of their sovereign Prince. Of the two nations, it is probable we are to be most congratulated.

Is a well considered article on Mr. HOAR's labor bill, the New York *Bulletin* expresses the hope that Congress will refuse to meddle with the question in any way, shape or form; points out that the next step beyond the proposed investigation would be the venturing of dangerous experiments in legislation designed to remedy the real or imaginary evils which the Commissioners might discover and report, and that when Congress had gone thus far there would be no telling when or where it would stop; and adds—what is most true and pertinent of all—that labor in this country has no real grievance of which to complain. This is a remarkable statement to emanate from such a source. That journal, which is thoroughly wedded to free trade doctrines, has all along held that our tariff system was an organized oppression of labor for the benefit of capital, by artificially protecting the interests of the latter, and imposing on the former a heavy and ruinous taxation. But in the light of this frank admission what becomes of its argument against protection? If the American workingman has no grievance of which to complain, it is because the wages he receives for his labor make his condition so immeasurably superior to that of the European workingman, because under our protective system he is better fed, better housed, and better clothed; and in every sense enjoys more of the substantial physical comforts and social and educational advantages of life than his less fortunate co-worker in Great Britain. It is true that the expenses of living are greater in this country than in England, but this difference in the cost of comforts which money buys is far more than compensated for by the increased rates of wages which the protective tariff enables our manufacturers to pay their workingmen. Why should the *Bulletin* desire to abolish this system, and to reduce the wages of American mechanics, when, by its own inferential admission, the normal status of our laboring and industrial classes is so greatly elevated and benefited thereby?

About once a year, on an average, the land owners of the Southern States break out with an attack of what may perhaps be described as the immigration measles. We observe from our exchanges from that quarter that the disease is widely prevalent just now, the broad acres lying unimproved in those States furnishing the basis of a considerable amount of really excellent writing and speech making concerning the importance of the development of their material resources, and the necessity of an influx of capital and immigration to bring that desirable end about. The chief difficulty in the way of its accomplishment has hitherto consisted in the fact that, after the talking and writing fever was over, the landed proprietors, planters and other persons most nearly interested in the industrial progress of those States, have set their faces like flints against the precise means and methods which alone can give them the material prosperity whose absence they so eloquently profess to deplore. It was of very little use, for instance, for the leading business men of Georgia to unite, six months since, in an address to the people of the North, setting forth the inducements and attractions which that State offered to settlers. TOOMBS, STEPHENS, and the bitter, rancorous followers for whom they then spoke and still speak, effectually nipped that project in the bud. So, too, it will avail nothing to invite immigrants to South Carolina, so long as the Ku-Klux Klan is permitted to exist within its borders. The State of North Carolina a year or two ago lured, by her glowing descriptions, a number of capitalists and industrial workers from the Northern States, but they shook off the dust of their feet against her in the very moment of discovering that, in order to purchase immunity from molestation, they must apostatize from their most cherished principles. Nor will Virginia find fruition of her hopes until she treads her centuried prejudices beneath her feet, and secures for all, as well as promises to all, the unrestricted and undisturbed possession of every prerogative and privilege which belong to manhood and to citizenship. And, after all is said and done, the development of the South will be found to depend chiefly on the labor of the negroes; and it seems beyond question that if some plan could be devised by which the freedmen could be put into possession of homesteads of their own, thus becoming practically identified with the industrial and productive life of the Southern people, it would vastly conduce to the prosperity of the whole section.

THE Philadelphia *North American* argues in favor of the multiplication of railways as the best means of developing our State, and cites Pittsburgh among other cities as standing in need of greater facilities. The theme is capable of almost indefinite expansion. To start with, there is not a poverty-stricken road in Pennsylvania. With very limited and unimportant exceptions all pay a good per centage on their cost. The outcome of their construction in development cannot be estimated, while to this cause much of the increase of our population is due. It is entirely safe to build railroads in Pennsylvania; and no mile of road is built that does not assist to open the hidden wealth of the State. To this there is no limit. Every year we are more and more amazed at the extent and value of our minerals. While these would be comparatively valueless without railroads, they make them profitable in almost every instance. To local development the narrow-gauge system is specially adapted, not more so, however, than to trunk lines. It is as clear as anything ever was that with a narrow-gauge road from the headwaters of the Ohio to tide water and the lateral branches that would spring out like branches of a tree, not only would the present great railway system not suffer from the competition, but, with the State at large, would be vastly benefited in the resulting development. The present railroads are not equal to the demands on them, and new roads have become a pressing necessity. And in this connection we would inquire of our Philadelphia contemporary, which refers approvingly to the narrow-gauge system, what it knows of the "Pittsburgh, Philadelphia and New York Narrow-Gauge Railroad Company," whose office is on South Fifth street, Philadelphia?

THE bill amending the steamboat law, which went through both branches of Congress on Monday, will greatly relieve steamboatmen on the Western rivers. They acted with promptness and vigor and have won a real victory. Acting together they appear to have had no difficulty in convincing Congress that the law passed at the last session, relating to a matter of the utmost importance, could not be too promptly repealed at this. The law itself was a monstrosity. Ever since Congress began to legislate relative to boilers, gauges and other contrivances, the point of safety, which was ostensibly the object, has continually receded. Practically, in many respects, the responsibility has been transferred to the shoulders of the Government, which relies on all sorts of devices and restrictions, of which the law just now so promptly repealed is a pretty fair specimen. A new bill relating to boilers is in preparation, which we wish we could believe will be an improvement, but we greatly fear that there is not sufficient ground for so much confidence. However, since the rule has been started of undoing at the opening of one session what, in this regard, was done at the close of another, perhaps there is, beyond the vexation incidental to such a course, not much to be apprehended.

Arlington Hotel, Alliance, Ohio.

Among the good hotels on the great route of travel between the East and the West is the above house, at Alliance, Ohio, kept by Mr. Frank M. Kerr. Situated at the point of the arrival and departure of trains, and furnished to supply every want of the public, the traveler will find here an agreeable resting place, where, in spite of the frequency of the trains, he will prefer to remain to departing. Mr. Kerr is an attentive gentleman, and knows well the secret of rendering his guests comfortable in all respects, and as a consequence is doing a prosperous business.

THE impression has generally obtained in the United States, as well among the press as the people, that Gonzalo Castanon, at whose tomb the recently murdered medical students substituted a wreath of garlic for another of immortelles, was a Spanish general of the army. A correspondent of the Boston *Traveller*, writing from Havana, corrects this mistake. He was not a military man, and never fought a battle. His first appearance in Cuba was as the editor of a virulent and bloodthirsty paper started in the interest of the dethroned Queen Isabella. It will be recollected that the editor of an American journal, published at Key West, was challenged by Castanon, for commenting with severity upon the cruel and murderous line of policy advocated by the Spanish party here, who with a crowd of sympathizers came over from Cuba for the purpose of provoking his critic to a duel; which was, however, prevented by the vigilance of the authorities. In a fracas which subsequently ensued between his own followers and the Cuban friends of the American journalist, Castanon was killed; his body being taken to Havana and honored with an imposing funeral at which many defenceless people, including two American citizens, were murdered in the streets by the volunteers. This is the brief whose remains have occasioned so much trouble, and given rise to the exhibition of ferocity and cruelty which has evoked such universal indignation and loathing.

AS WE expected, and intimated at the time, there does not seem to have been much ground for the recent cable report that the British Government was about to enter upon negotiations with Spain for the retrocession to that country of the strongheld of Gibraltar. All that there is of it is simply that a young Spanish editor at Malaga lately wrote to Mr. Gladstone, stating that a number of Spanish corporations intended memorializing the British Government on the subject, and asking whether the receipt of such a document would be acceptable to him; to which, through his private secretary, he replied that he should be glad to receive the petitions in question; a form of answer which could hardly have been avoided without discourtesy, but which does not afford the slightest basis for assuming that the cession will be made. Gibraltar has now been in the possession of the English government one hundred and sixty years, and it is late, especially since the opening of the Suez canal, become almost as important to that country in a commercial point of view as it was formerly in a military and naval sense. To lose Gibraltar would be to deal a blow at her whole Mediterranean trade. The strategetic value of this outpost has of course, in view of modern invention in means and modes of warfare, greatly declined, but its commercial importance has increased in a similar ratio, and there is hardly any more present probability of its speedy restoration to Spain than there is that Malta will be ceded back to Italy or Heligoland to Germany.

AN interesting discussion has for some time been going on in the Chicago press regarding the unsatisfactory condition of the City House of Correction, which it is claimed, under its past management, confirmed its inmates in vice rather than corrected them by reformatory discipline. The plan of operations which it is proposed hereafter to pursue, is to be based on a recognition of the fact that the conditions of character on the part of criminals are constitutional, and that they come also by involuntary culture during the formative period of their lives. The treatment is therefore to include the renovation of the physical and the education of the intellectual, to the end that the reformation of the moral nature may be rendered possible. The means to be adopted are hygienic, industrial, scholastical, esthetic, ethical and theological, not necessarily used in the order stated, but with such adaptations and modifications as circumstances and exigencies may seem to demand. This is the plan pursued in the Detroit House of Correction, with, it is said, results of the most cheering character. Much, of course, depends upon the knowledge and skill of the director of the reformatory process; but it is evident at a glance that any attempt to improve the intelligence and awaken the better impulses of offenders against the law, will be far more likely to insure right conditions under favorable influences, than the harsh indifference now so generally practiced toward them. Other cities might also, perhaps, adopt this method with advantage.

SAYS a New York letter: "Rev. Dr. Ewer, the advanced Ritualist, has at length succeeded in organizing his new church in Seventh avenue, between Thirty-third and Thirty-fourth streets. Wardens and Vestrymen were elected last night. The title chosen is the Church of Saint Ignatius." The ceremonials are to be akin to those already in vogue at St. Albans, St. Sacraments and the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, in the same neighborhood. Christ Church, from which Dr. Ewer seceded, has not yet chosen a rector in his place, though, as heretofore stated, Rev. Dr. Osgood will probably be called.

IT is asserted that Secretary Robeson, who has been for some time labouring in behalf of Philadelphia as the place for the next Republican National convention, has made such headway as to render it probable that the Committee will select that city.

GENERAL AND PARTICULAR.

The liberal papers in Holland charge King William, of the Netherlands, with having sold most of the valuable paintings of the Royal Gallery at the Hague, and with having substituted very inferior copies in their place.

A Paris paper says: "A picture, celebrated for its size, bright color, and bad taste, representing "America," and which was painted for Mr. A. T. Stewart, of New York, for the modest price of $22,000, lies rolled up in a storehouse. It is like the elephant which the Arab had presented to him."

It is stated that the homes of fifteen hundred members of the Presbyterian churches in Chicago were destroyed in the late fire. Out of one congregation of over eight hundred all except five families were burned out of their homes, and but one business man in the congregation had either store or office left in which to transact business.

The following story comes from Peoria, Ill.: Franz Borlet, of that town, was lately returning from his work, when he was attacked by a wild steer, which knocked him down and pinned him to the ground, one horn passing each side of his body. Borlet, though at a disadvantage, caught the animal's horns and by a quick movement twisted his neck and threw him, when he jumped up and ran, but was not pursued. The next morning the steer was found lying where he fell with his neck broken.

The Berlin *Cross Gazette* publishes a communication from an eminent jurist, in which the ground is taken that the constitution of the German Empire confers the right to vote on every woman over twenty-one years of age.

In taking down a beautiful painted canvass ceiling at All Souls College, Oxford, England, recently, fifteen ancient paintings were discovered at arched to the roof, where they had been, unknown to any one, for two centuries.

A genuine Ku-Klux disguise, captured in North Carolina, and sent by the captors to President Grant, is among the curiosities now on exhibition at the dumb animals' fair in Boston. It is described as a horrible looking affair, made of black cambric with a white border and white round spots running up and down the front. The covering for the head and shoulders is of the same material, and runs up into a high peak. There are two long white, projecting horns, holes for the eyes, a long, red, artificial nose, and eartets also bordered with red.

The latest confidence dodge is that of a fellow at Galena, Illinois, who confessed circumstantially to the murder of a Boston policeman, and got himself arrested in the hope of securing a free ride to the "Hub." The Galena officers telegraphed to Boston, however, and found that no such crime had been committed, and so the game didn't work.

The Communist refugees in England have got themselves into trouble. During the dangerous period of the illness of the Prince of Wales some of them saw in his sickness the evidence that the Almighty had doomed monarchy in England, and openly stated the belief. This is considered an abuse of hospitality, and the Secretary of State will most likely request Parliament to give him authority to expel the leaders of the exiled "reds." As a precautionary measure the residence of Carl Marx has already been placed under police surveillance.

A colored man at Canton, Miss., lately wished to kill a sheep, but not understanding the process to a nicety, held the animal upon the railroad track for the locomotive to slaughter. The sheep escaped with a lar-ken leg, but the dead body that was picked up immediately after had on black wool and wasn't good mutton either.

Recent Cuban advices are eloquent in disproving the Spanish assertion that the rebellion is at an end. At Cauagney particularly, notwithstanding the important reinforcements received by the Spaniards, these are compelled to maintain themselves on the defensive. The patriots have operated so boldly that they have captured the best horses of the Spanish squadron of cavalry, *la Reina*.

Sir Richard Wallace has presented to the British National Gallery the picture by Terberg of "The Congress of Munster," bought by Sir Richard at Price Demidoff's sale for £7,350. Sir W. Boxwell offered £7,000 at the sale, and then retired from the bidding. The *Times*, in announcing Sir Richard Wallace's generous gift, says: "As an example of minute, delicate, and at the same time powerful portrait painting, this is undoubtedly the most remarkable picture in the world. Every one of the many heads is a study in itself, in which the individuality of character is brought out with astonishing force and precision."

English dry goods merchants are certainly enterprising in their business matters. When the illness of the Prince of Wales became alarming, these merchants dispatched orders to Paris, under which they secured the entire stock of black gloves, black optical flowers, black colored dry goods and jet ornaments, which were held in stock by the French shopkeepers. And now the provoking Prince is convalescing.

The State Railroad Commissioner of Ohio thinks that trains at present run too fast, and asks the Legislature to limit the rate of speed, on all roads, to twenty-five miles an hour, exclusive of stops.

The right of a child to prosecute his parents for whipping him, and to recover damages, is the law, is in process of demonstration in Cincinnati. The complainant, who is an infant in the eyes of the law, seeks damages to the amount of $50,000 from his parents for the abuse and ill-treatment he has suffered at their hands since 1858. The parents have refused to offer to compromise.

The trustees of the New York State Library have just received from the German Emperor volumes 16 to 23 of the works of Frederick the Great, edited by special command of Emperor William.

The captain of the schooner Ella Holsten, which arrived at New York last Saturday, reports seeing in the Gulf stream, about latitude 34 degrees, a railway car, painted yellow, and lettered in black, "Northern R. R." A novel waif indeed.

Every newsdealer in Syracuse, New York, has been indicted and summoned to appear for trial for exposing for sale and selling obscene pictorial papers. This is a step in the right direction, and it is to be regretted that a similar policy is not adopted everywhere in reference to the vending of indecent literature.

Major Medill, of Chicago, has received a letter from the Manager of the London *Graphic*, inquiring if that the artists of that paper had proposed an allegorical picture commemorative of the great disaster and the grand sympathetic outbreak of the English people on the occasion. The necessary amount has been subscribed by the friends and the proprietors of the *Graphic*, and the commission for the painting placed in the hands of Mr. E. Armitage, of the Royal Academy, who has put aside a great work in order to carry out the plan at once, so that a blank and white cartoon of the memorial picture may be exhibited at the May opening of the Royal Academy.

That grave problem as to who is entitled to the $25 which Alexis left for the hero who stopped the runaway horses in Philadelphia was at last been solved. The knotty question was referred to a committee of three, who passed many sleepless nights in endeavoring to find the truth, "although it was found in the center." After examining a mountain of affidavits and piling several reams of written evidence of the claimants, they at last, upon the suggestion of the chairman, tossed up for it, and the money was given to Mr. Charles J. Wolbert.

PERSONAL.

Mr. Henry T. Tuckerman, the well known author and poet, died on Sunday last at the residence of a relative in New York, of pleurisy. The deceased was born in Boston on April 20th, 1813, and was therefore in his fifty ninth year. His death will be recognized as a loss to letters, society and innumerable objects of public interest.

Mr. Charles Mathew, the last surviving brother of the Rev. Father Mathew, the Irish apostle of temperance, has just died.

Among the recent promotions in the French Legion of Honor is named Dr. Thomas W. Evans, who is entered to Commander. Dr. Evans is an American, and he receives the honor for services rendered as "Director of the American Ambulance" during the Franco-Prussian war. The doctor is the first foreigner who has obtained the rank of Commander.

By the recent suicide of Count Girgenti, the infanta Isabella, daughter of the ex-Queen of Spain, has been made a widow at twenty. She has an income of only 600,000 francs a year, and is almost as much to be pitied as Louis Napoleon and his spouse.

The oldest woman is now claimed by New Hampshire. Her name is Mrs. Dorcus Rice, her residence Jaffrey, her age 102 years, and she eats (so they say) 10½ buckwheat cakes daily.

Mr. James Parton, in addition to re-appearing in *The Atlantic* in his biographical role, has prepared a new lecture—"Who are the Vulgar?" The lecture was delivered for the first time on Monday night.

Mrs. Mary Clemmer Ames is about to bring out a new book called "Ruby Read and Set," being a collection of articles on the subjects named in the title, which she has previously had published in the *Independent*. Mrs. Ames is now in Washington writing letters from the capital to the *Independent* and Brooklyn *Union*.

Wheatland Mills.

To the Editor of the Pittsburgh Commercial:

In your paper of the 18th instant it was stated that certain members of the Pennsylvania Company were "interested in the iron mills of Wheatland and other places." This, however, was recited, merely incidentally, or by way of illustrating another matter, and certainly with no view of attaching any importance to the exact situation of these establishments. But it has since appeared, by a note in your columns from Messrs. James Wood, Sons & Co., that there was an error in as to the location of one of these mills, and, as the recital was made with no other authority than very common rumor, we beg to take the earliest opportunity to do the gentlemanly and enterprising proprietors of the thriving town of Wheatland, who, of course were not expected to be conversant with all about the number of said mills which are located in the "other places."

J. M. C.

THE Secretary of the Interior has, at the suggestion of the President, addressed a letter to Cochise, the famous Apache chief, inviting him to visit Washington. Colonel Pope, Superintendent of Indian Affairs for Arizona, who bears the letter to Cochise is authorized to make arrangements for his visit and provide for the payment of his expenses. The Superintendent is of the opinion that the noted warrior will accept the invitation, and visit Washington some time early next year. This is a sensible and practical proceeding on the part of the government. A personal conference with the executive of the nation would probably go much farther to convince him of the desire of the people of the United States to be at peace with himself and kindred, than any evidences he has yet received of that fact, while in any event the acquaintance with the power and wonders of civilization he will on his journey would give him, could hardly fail to exert a deep and wholesome impression on his mind. It is to be hoped the invitation may be accepted.

THE adjournment until the middle of June of the Commission of Arbitrators under the Washington Treaty, will defer the final adjudication of the matters in controversy for a much longer period, unless indeed, the members of the Commission propose to employ the interval in mastering the facts and evidence bearing on the subject. In view of the enormous amount of the claims for actual and constructive damages, the stoutness with which the responsibility of England for their payment will probably be resisted, of the complicated and intricate questions of fact and of law involved in the question, and of the important bearing which the decisions of the tribunal will have on international controversies, it is possible that the adjournment has been made with such a purpose in view. The case is neither more nor less than a law suit on a gigantic scale between the two countries. When the Commission reassembles in June it will probably be prepared to hear the argument of counsellors.

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FINANCE AND TRADE

TUESDAY EVENING, December 19, 1871.

The banking circles were again startled by the developments given in our last issue of the "artist" who attempted to "do" the Union National. That gentleman has been honored with visits from quite a number of staid bankers, who wished to get a view of him through the bars. Among his visitors was the Teller of the Fort Pitt Banking Company, who expresses his opinion that he is the same person that raised the check on him, being then in the character of an *honest farmer* selling his winter wheat. These repeated swindles call for some action on the part of our banks for self-protection. Where checks are carelessly drawn, or without the use of the perforating stamps, which effectually avert the danger of the use of acid, there is no reason why the *banker* should lose; for he is only bound to know the *signature* of his depositor, the filling up of the check being a matter of indifference. Unless drawers of checks use such preventives as are now used by all the banks on their own drafts, they should feel that any loss arising from raised checks would fall on them, as the fault, if any, lies with them. Such a decision has been rendered by the Supreme Court of New York, in the case of the Ridgeley National Bank, of Springfield, Ill. Money continues to work close, and good paper brings the usual rates.

—The following stocks were sold last evening, by A. McIlwaine, auctioneer, at his stock salesrooms, 106 Smithfield street:

First National Bank of Birmingham	$175 00
Lawrenceville Savings Bank	78 00
Pittsburgh Gas Company	78 00
Wall Street Bridge	42 00
Improvement Trust Co. (to be paid in)	50 00

—Messrs. Ira B. McVay & Co. report the following quotations of Government bonds in New York to-day, as furnished them by Jay Cooke & Co., their correspondents:

	Morn.	Noon.	Closes.
U. S. Bonds of 1881	117¼	117¼	117¼
U. S. Bonds of 1867	109¾	109¾	109¾
U. S. Bonds of 1864	110	110	110
U. S. Bonds of 1865	111¾	111¾	111¾
U. S. Bonds of 1865 (new)	115¼	115¼	115¼
U. S. Bonds of 1867	115¼	115¼	115¼
U. S. Bonds of 1868	115¼	115¼	115¼
6-20s	108¾	108¾	108¾
5-20s	109¾	109	109
Gold	109¾	109¾	109¾

—James T. Brady & Co., corner of Fourth avenue and Wood street, quote United States securities in New York to-day as follows:

	Packed to date, To be packed, Total
	Dec. 16, 1871. additional, pack'g. 7th.
Chicago, Ill	4,392 2,000 6,392
Cincinnati, Ohio	5,400 4,000 9,400
Milwaukee, Wis	2,784 500 3,284
Peoria, Ill	50,000 50,000 100,000
Bardstown, Ky	700 700 1,400
Bowling Green, Ky	8,000 1,000 9,000
Lafayette, Ind	20,000 20,000 40,000
Franklin, Ind	20,000 20,000
Washington, Ind	5,000 5,000 10,000
Shelbyville, Ind	7,000 3,000 10,000
Montgomery Station, Ind	
Medford, Ind	1,500 500 2,000
Logansport, Ind	2,000 300 2,300
Danville, Ind	15,000 10,000 25,000
Washington C. H., Ohio	8,000 2,000
Manchester, Ohio	5,500 2,000 3,000
Quincy, Ohio	13,000 10,500
Louisville, Ohio	3,000 500 3,500
	178,809 99,500 278,309
	99,500
	278,150 to 183,805 total last year.

THE PACKING AT THE FIVE PRINCIPAL POINTS.

I give below the packing at the five principal points to date, and the corresponding figures last year:

	To Dec. 16, 1871.	To Dec. 16, 1870.
Chicago	275,300	588,000
Cincinnati	445,700	466,000
St. Louis	120,000	238,000
Louisville	120,000	284,000
Milwaukee	65,000	108,000
	968,578	1,685,178

Indianapolis has packed 95,000 against a total of 6,000 last year. She will pack near 140,000. Memphis, Mo., will pack 150,000, against 74,350 last year.

Receipts of Iron at St. Louis

for the week ending Saturday, December 16, 1871.

	Ore, Tons.	Pig Iron, Tons.
St. Louis and Iron Mountain	2,602	600
Atlantic and Pacific	480	200
Ohio and Mississippi		100
Chicago, Alton and St. Louis	40	40
St. Louis, Kansas City and Northern		24
Cairo and Fulton		24
St. L., K. and Southern Railroad		199
Total this week	2,874	1,719

PRODUCE AND GENERAL MARKETS.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH COMMERCIAL, TUESDAY, December 19, 1871.

REMARKS.—Snow has been falling all day, but what to-morrow will bring forth is not for us to say. Yet our opinion is that there will be a "general thaw" soon, and as a sequence, the opening of navigation. Be this as it may, the markets are generally dull, and bid fair to remain so until the winding of affairs changes. So long as the rivers are blocked with ice and the railroads unable to do the carrying of the freight thrust upon them, a brisk business cannot be counted upon. Prices remain about as at our last report, with but few variations. The receipts of grain are light and prices firmer. Flour is held firmer at unchanged rates. Butter and eggs are in demand. The poultry market is abundantly supplied.

The following are the wholesale rates until otherwise noted; from store in a small way the usual advance is charged:

ASHES—Leading houses quote as follows: Soft ash, refined 4¾@4¾c; common 4¼@4½c; potash 5¾@5¾c; pearls 10¼@10¾ ₱ lb.

APPLES—The supply is light and growing more so daily. Prices are firm but higher. We quote common to good at $2 50@3 00; choice to fancy $3 00@4 00 per bbl.

APPLE BUTTER—There is a fair demand, with sales at 6@6½c for choice, whilst medium commands 5@5½c ₱ gallon.

BUTTER—Receipts 75 packages. The supply of choice fresh fails short of the demand, and prices of choice roll at 26@28c ₱ lb; common and inferior lots dull at any prices.

BRANS—The supply exceeds the demand; prices weak but no lower. We note sales in a jobbing way at $2 00@2 50 ₱ bushel.

BERSWAX—The market is reported bare; prices are too unsettled to quote correctly.

BUCKWHEAT FLOUR—There is an active demand with sales reported at $9 25@9 50 ₱ bbl.

BROOM CORN—The market contains an ample supply of the various kinds. The store rates are Fancy $4 50; No. 1, $4; No. 2, $3 50; No. 3, $3 75; common, $2 25 @2 50 ₱ doz.

BAKING POWDER—Sales Banner K-B cans $1 75 ₱ dozen; K-B cans $3 25; B-B cans $6 ₱ gross or $2 50 ₱ dozen.

BACON AND PROVISIONS—Dealers are busily engaged laying in their coming seasonable stocks, and are holding their present thoroughly cured prime hams, shoulders, &c., &c., firmly. Following are the current rates of the market: Sugar-cured hams 14¾@15c; Sugar-cured shoulders, 9c; plain shoulders 7¾@7¾c; sides, ribbed, 8c; short ribbed do 8¾c; clear do 9c; breakfast bacon 10c; dried beef 16½c. Mess pork $14 50@15. Spiced pig's feet $2 50 per keg. Lard in tierces 9¾@10c ₱ lb.

CIDER—There is a fair demand; sales at $5@$10 as to quality.

CANDLES—Star, full weight, 19c ₱ lb; short weight 17c; mould 12c.

CONFECTIONERY—Sales at $6 50 for Pennsylvania and $5 50 for Philadelphia.

CARBON OIL—Holders are firmer in their views. Sales of standard brands in shade lots at 21c per gallon from store.

CHEESE—Receipts 404 boxes. Prices continue firm, though not quotably higher. The demand is active for New York Goshen at 15½@16c; Ohio do 15@15½c; Ohio Factory 14@14½c; Dairy 12@13c.

CRANBERRIES—We are reported sales of Sackett's Bell Berries at $17 00@$18 00 ₱ bbl; Jersey cultivated $12@$13 per barrel; bushel crates $4 50.

CHESTNUTS—Round lots $3 @3 50 ₱ bushel. Demand light.

CREESY—Beeson's Phœnix Hydraulic, $3 50@3 75; Johnston, $2 25; Rosendale, $4 00@4 50; Calcined plaster, $4 50; Land plaster, $3 50@3 75 ₱ bbl.

DRESSED HOGS—The arrivals continue heavy, causing prices to rule lower; sales are made at 4½ @4¾c ₱ lb. Receipts 372.

DRIED FRUITS—The market contains a fair supply of the various kinds of Peaches; sales of halves at 10 @10½c; Sliced 5@5½c; quarters 7½@7¾c. Apples—Sales medium to choice 7½@8c.

EGGS—The supply of fresh eggs falls short of the demand. We are reported sales at 34@35c per dozen for strictly fresh; packed 28@29c.

FLOUR—Receipts for the past 48 hours 947 barrels. We have no changes to note in figures. Stocks on hand are fully up to the demand, and holders are firm at the following figures: Jenkins' snow Flake, $7 75 ₱ bbl; Lily Mills $7 25; choice Minnesota $7 75; and act c, with but little on the market; choice Wisconsin flours, for bakers's use, command $7 25. Rye flour, $4 50@5 00 ₱ bbl. Buckwheat flour, $4 00 ₱ cwt; $2 50@3 00 ₱ bbl.

FEATHERS—No. 1 live geese feathers 75@77c to the trade; from store in a small way 85@86c; mixed 60@65c, as per quality. There is a fair demand.

GROCERIES—As usual during the closing weeks of the year, the volume of trade, beyond the customary traffic in holiday goods, is moderate. The demand for goods is mostly confined to small orders to keep up assortments. With a close money market, merchants would naturally expect prices to favor buyers, but such is not the status of the market to-day. Indeed the prices of many of the leading articles are not only higher than they were a week ago, but exhibit a decidedly upward tendency. The closing period of the year is always considered a good time to buy, and we think the will hold good for this year, and we have missed our guess if prices are not materially higher after the first of January than now. Especially do we believe that this will be the case in coffees and syrups, and country merchants who hold good stocks of coffee at low figures ought to feel grateful towards the friends who induced them to buy. We note an advance of 50c on refined sugars in the East, and as many of the largest refineries are shipping for repairs, we would not be surprised if higher prices should obtain. We do not change prices, but advise those in want of goods to buy now. Following are the rulings of the market:

SUGARS—Refined, crushed, powdered and granulated 13¾c; A coffee 12¾c; B coffee 12¾c; extra C 12¼c; C yellow 12¼c. Rico sugars—Choice 11¾c; prime 11c; good 10¾c. Cuba sugars 10¼@10¾c. Demaras 12¾@12¾c. Sugar House Sugars—Knight's extra C yellow 11¾c; C 11¼c; other grades 9@9½c.

COFFEE—Fancy Rio 24c; prime 23c; good 22c; fair 21c; ordinary 20c; Java 28@30c; Laguayra 25@26c; Mocha 35c; roasted coffee, pure 26c; other grades 24@25c

SYRUPS—Havemeyer & Elder 68c; white honey 68c; Lovering's 68c; Duncan's 68c; Sugar-cane 70c; other grades 48@60c; New Orleans molasses, old, 50@55c; new crop 65@70c.

RICE—Choice Carolina 10c; Rangoon 9¼c; fair 9c; Rangoon 8c; Patna 8¾c.

SPICES—Pepper 24c; allspice 18c; Cassia 50c; cloves 22c; nutmegs $1 40.

GRAIN—Following are the receipts of wheat, corn, rye, oats and barley for the past forty-eight hours:

Wheat, sacks..... 1,606 | Corn, sacks..... 405
Oats, sacks..... 2,167 | Rye, sacks..... 340
Barley, sacks..... 1,870 |

There has been little or no change in the market since our last report, but if anything, prices are stronger. All good lots of wheat meet with ready sale on arrival. We quote prime red winter wheat at $1 45@1 50; white $1 50@1 55 in round lots, small parcels command higher figures. Corn—Holders do not seem to be at all anxious to realize at better prices; sales are made in a jobbing way at 62@65c for shelled; by car load 60@62c. Oats—The market continues firm and steady, mixed selling at 45@ 46c; No. 1 oats, same white at 48@50c. There is a more active demand, though prices remain unchanged with sales in a small way at 90c ₱ bush. Barley—The receipts are large, though mostly consigned to brewers. We hear of sales at 80@85c for spring and 90@95c for fall.

HAY—The receipts are light since the close of navigation. We quote baled at $25@30 per ton.

HOPS—We are reported sales of new 71's at 60@ 70c ₱ lb, and 70's at 70@75c.

HIDES—Quoted at 9¾@9¾c.

HONEY—Sales at 25@30c ₱ gallon.

LIME—Kentucky rough $1 65@ ton; single dressed $240; scuttled $1 90@1 95.

HOMINY—Sales at $5 00 ₱ bbl. to the trade, and $5 50 in a jobbing way.

LARD OIL—No 1 extra 85@85c; No 2 80@80c; Cincinnati and Chicago winter 85@90c.

LIME—Ferrysburg white $2 00@2 25 ₱ bbl; Cleveland $1 25; Easton $1 30.

MINCE MEAT—There is an active demand. Atmore's, Stockton's and Wright's brands are held at $4 50@5; Ashcroft's held at $4.

MILL FEED—Following are the ruling rates with a fair demand reported: Middlings $2 00 ₱ 100 lbs; bottoms $1 75; shorts $1 00; rye shorts $1 65; chopped corn and oats $1 65; No 1 corn meal $2 50 ₱ bushel.

ONIONS—We note sales common reds at $2 50@ 2 75 ₱ bbl; silver skins $3 00@3 25.

POTATOES—The market is overstocked with every variety, and prices are very dull, though the weather favors holders. Trading began as at last quotations, which were as follows: Live chicks 25@30c; dressed 30@35c; Ruffed Grouse $1 25@ 1 50; prairie chickens $4 50@5 00 ₱ dozen; pheasants 75c ₱ pair; quail $1 75@2 00 ₱ dozen.

POTATOES—The stock on hand is not large, and prices have undergone no material change. We quote Peachblows, in good condition, at 95c@$1 00 ₱ bush; Jerseys sweets $4@4 25 ₱ bbl.

RAGS—Fair demand, with regular sales at 4@4½ @5c ₱ lb.

ROYAL BAKING POWDER—Sales of ¼-lb cans at $1 50; ½, $2 75; 1-2, $6 @ 6oz.

SEED—Clover—Market is notan active one. We quote: Clover seed $6.00@6 25, first hands; store $6 50@6 75; timothy seed $3 00@3 50; flax seed $1 80.

SALT—Market steady, with sales by the car load at $1 85; from store $2 00.

SUMAC—Sales of Tennessee 4½c ₱ lb.

TURNIP—The market is drugged. We quote nominally at $1@$1 25 ₱ bush.

VENISON—We quote saddles at 15 to 20c ₱ lb; 10@ 12c ₱ lb, gross weight.

WILLOWS—Sales Kentucky at 10c.

WHISKY—Highwines 92c; common rectified 95c; $1 00@$1 05 proof rectified $1 05@1 10; rye and corn $1 60 @1 65 ₱ gallon; old Monongahela whisky $4 00@5 00 as to age.

PITTSBURGH LIVE STOCK MARKET.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH COMMERCIAL, TUESDAY, December 19, 1871.

Cattle.

The arrivals of cattle this week so far have been fair. The number of buyers in attendance about as last week, and the offerings were somewhat in excess of medium and lower grades, while on extra and fancy stock, generally called Christmas cattle, it is more dull, and they are not selling so well or quickly as last week, and some of the buyers are waiting to purchase at lower prices. Unless the arrivals should come heavy sellers think present prices can be maintained. The following are the rates current for the different grades: Extra, $7 50; prime, $7 00; good, $6 00 to $6 25; fair, $5 00; medium, $4 50; inferior, $3 75; scalawags, $2 75.

Hogs.

The arrivals of hogs light to-day. The market, under the influence of light supply and favorable weather, rules active. Most all the hogs in the pens are sold, but a good many are reported on trains which are behind time. The prospect at this time looks favorable. The following are the current prices for the different grades: Assorted—Extra, round-hogs, $4 90; good to prime, Philadelphia, 225 to 250, $4 65; good to prime, New York, 180 to 220, $4 25 to $4 40; still fed hogs $4 25; rough to common, $4 00.

Sheep.

The arrivals of sheep this week to this time have been heavy. The market is dull and sheep are selling very slow, at prices from ¼c to ½c lower than last week. A good many are in the pens unsold, among which are some lots of Christmas stock. A good many sheep are reported on the way, and at this writing the prospect does not look promising. The following are the rates current for the different grades as bought and sold here: Extra, 100 to 110 lbs, $6 50 to $6 25; good to prime, 85 to 90 lbs, $5 12½ to $5 25; decent to fair, 75 to 80 lbs, $4 25 to $4 75; common to common, 70 to 75 lbs, $3 75@$4 00; good to fair mixed sheep and lambs, $4 25@$4 50; good to choice lambs, $5 00@$5 25.

New York Dry Goods Market.

NEW YORK, December 19.—Dry goods market quiet and firm for all staples. The near approach of the holidays tends to impart life to the retail trade. Printing cloths are sold to a scarce, and sell at 11¼c, or 2 cents above actual cost. The market for prints is very firm at 11½c, except Sprague's, which sell at 12c. Lancaster and Amoskeag ginghams are steady at 12c, and best styles of Glasgow at 14c. Fine styles of Mons de Lalues command 20c, and Imperial reps 22½@23½c. Bay Mills and Kearsarge A bleached muslins 16c; Mills Semper Idem 16c; Gold Medal do 14c; Greene G do 11½c; Indian Head twist broke 9 shortings 13½c; Atlantic A do 13½c; Pacific extra do 13c, and Augusta 11½@12c.

Milwaukee Market.

MILWAUKEE, December 19.—Flour firm at $5 60@ 5 75 for best and lower by 10c; No 2 $4 15@4 25; select January $4 19@4 20; Dec No 2 firmer at 93½c. Corn—No 2 mixed quiet at 49½c. Rye—No 1 quiet at 65c. Barley—No 2 dull. Provisions easier; mess pork $13 @13 50. Bacon—shoulders 8@8½c; sides, clear 9½@9¾c. Lard—prime kettle rendered to $ 8c; steam 8¾c. Hogs active and advanced for live to $4 30@4 35; dressed steady at $5 05.

Philadelphia Market.

PHILADELPHIA, December 19.—Flour dull; superfine $5 25@5 75. Wheat dull but unchanged; Spring and western red $1 55@1 57. Rye steady. Corn dull; yellow 56@56½c; new 46@48c; new mixed western 44@45c; old 55@56c. Oats steady. Provisions easier; pork $12 25@13 00. Lard 9¾@9¾c. Petroleum—crude 16½c; refined 21¾c. Whisky 92c.

Cincinnati Market.

CINCINNATI, December 19.—Cotton steady; low middling 18½c. Flour and grain unchanged. Groceries and oils unchanged. Pork dull and drooping at $13 75. Lard drooping at 8¾@8¾c. Bulk meats dull and nominal; shoulders 6¾c; sides 6¾@6¾c. Bacon dull and unchanged; shoulders 8½c; sides 9¾@9¾c. Hogs quiet and weak at $4 40@4 65.

COTTON MARKETS.

Memphis,

MEMPHIS, December 19.—Cotton declined to 19a 19½c.

Nashville.

NASHVILLE, December 19.—Cotton dull and nominal; low middling 19c.

PITTSBURGH OIL TRADE.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH COMMERCIAL, WEDNESDAY, December 20, 1871.

REMARKS.—Business continues substantially the same as at the date of our previous report. The figures then current would answer on this occasion. The impression is gaining fast that there will be a revival of the oil trade during the first month of the new year. If such a thing does take place our readers will be duly advised.

CRUDE.

The market was steady; the rates wanted were: Spot 10¾c S. S. all year 10¾c; B. O. all year 10¾@11c; Parker's @5 75; lower creek $4 25; Oil City $4 25.

SALES:

2,000 bbls S. O. all year.....10¾c

REFINED.

The rates for the various deliveries were the same as previously noted: Spot 21½c; December 22c; January, 22c; February, 22¼c; March 22¾c. These figures include eastern delivery.

[By Western Union Line.]

TITUSVILLE, December 19.—The market was firmer yesterday, and an advance was made from the closing quotations of Saturday night. Following are the

SALES:

2,000 bbls upper creek, S. O. balance year....$1 20
5,000 bbls do.....1 17½
2,000 bbls do.....4 15
2,500 bbls spot.....4 10
500 bbls, 10 days.....4 07½
1,000 bbls do.....4 05
New York, December 16.—Crude in bulk offered at lower prices, but there is more inquiry, and the market closed with a steadier feeling; sales 1,000 bbls 12c; 500 bbls at 12½c; also 500 bbls each week in January at 12¾c. Refined very dull; sales 1,000 bbls last half December at 22½c; 5,000 bbls reported for December at 22¾c; cases unsettled at about 27½c. Philadelphia delivery: Prices unchanged, and the demand small; sales 2,000 bbls reported December at 21¾c.

PETROLEUM CENTER, December 19.—Market very quiet at about $4 40.

REDSVILLE, December 19.—Market quiet and firm at about $4 05 the ruling figure.

OIL CITY, December 19.—Market very quiet; ordinary on lower coal hold at $4 05@4 10; best do do held at $4 30.

TITUSVILLE, December 19.—Market firm and quiet; upper road $4 17¾@4 20.

PITHOLE, December 19.—Market quiet and firm; S. W. $1 25; December 21¼a22c; January 21¾c; January to March 22¾a23½c; cases 21c; crude 16a 16½c.

[By Pacific and Atlantic Line.]

NEW YORK, December 20.—The market continues quiet and inactive; contract for month offering at 22¾c; spot nominal at 22c; crude very quiet and firm and remains the same; spot 12c; futures 12¾c.

TIDE-UTE, December 19.—Market dull and quiet at $4 90.

OIL CITY, December 19.—Market very quiet and nominally at $4 30.

PETROLEUM CENTER, December 18.—Market quiet and dull at $4 00.

REDSVILLE, December 18.—Market dull at $4 00.

PHILADELPHIA, December 19, 5:15.—Sales December at 21½@22c; January to March 22¾c; January to June 23½c; crude 11½c.

Crude Oil Received by A. V. R. R.

Shipper.	Consignee.	Barrels.
Fisher Bros	Vesta Oil Works	186
T P Miller	Fisher Bros	55
Thomas Hackett	Kier's Oil Works	160
Wm Newmyer	Sunbeam Oil Works	90
H. McKelvy	Cosmos Oil Works	856
H. McKelvy	Vesta Oil Works	296
E P Tack	Citizens Oil Works	1,084
H S Duncan	Peerless Oil Works	260
Thomas Hackett	Sterling Oil Works	489
S Stewart	Woodville Oil Works	314
H S Duncan	Kier's Oil Works	192
H. McKelvy	Cosmos Oil Works	464
Parker & Thompson	Liberty Oil Works	474
J Bushnell	Crystal Oil Works	456
L P Tack	John Fisher	488

Crude Oil Received by Rail and River.

	Bbls.		Bbls.
Vesta Oil Works	186	Fisher Bros	55
Kier's Oil Works	862	Sunbeam Oil Works	90
Cosmos Oil Works	856	Citizens' Oil Works	1,084
Vesta oil Works	296	Sterling Oil Works	489
Peerless Oil Works	884	Kier's Oil Works	702
Woodville Oil Works	314	Cosmos Oil Works	464
John Fisher	388	Crystal Oil Works	486
Liberty Oil Works	474		
Total			6,135

Shipments of Refined Oil East via A. V. R. R., W. P. R. R. and P. R. R.

ALLEGHENY JUNCTION, December 18, 1871.

P Weisenberger, 150 bbls to Warden, F & co, Philadelphia.

Standard Oil Co, 416 barrels to Warden, F & Co, Philadelphia.

Total..... 566

New York Finance and Trade.

Gold Closed at 108¾@109.

NEW YORK, December 19—P. M.

GOLD.

The gold market closed up weak at 108¾@109. The stock brokers were large borrowers of gold to-day and sold the same to obtain currency to carry their stocks. Loans were made from 7 to 1-16 for carrying. Clearings $40,500,000.

EXCHANGE.

Sterling exchange 109¾.

MONEY.

The feature of interest in Wall street to-day was the money market, which has been more stringent than on any day this month. Loans were made as high as 7 per cent. per day on government, and scarce at that price. Again currency is flowing to the interior freely, in part for insurance settlements in Chicago. The Express Companies have made some heavy engagements for the outflow of currency this week, and in some quarters these engagements are estimated at five million dollars.

GOVERNMENTS.

Government dull and heavy.

Coupons 1881	117¾	5-20s, 1867	115¾
5-20s, 1862	109¾	5-20s, 1868	115¾
5-20s, 1864	110	10-40s	112¾
5-20s, 1865	111¾	Currency 6s	113¾
5-20s, 1865, new	115¾		

STATE BONDS.

State bonds dull and heavy.

Missouris	97	Virginias, old	61
Tennessees, old	64¾	North Carolinas, old	31¾
Tennessees, new	64¾	North Carolinas, new	13
Virginias, new	61		

STOCKS.

Stocks opened dull. On call they were strong, with Lake Shore and Western Union as the features. Before the broken list was made bank accounts the market sold off slightly, but subsequently advanced ¾@1. The greatest improvement was in Pacific Mail, Wabash, Lake Shore and Erie. There was little activity in the above mentioned stocks, but the list was generally firm on the "bear" side of Pacific Mail'ed this afternoon.

Western Union	67¾	New Jersey Central	111¾
Quicksilver	34½	Pacific Mail	34¾
Adams Express	59	do pref	76¾
Wells, Fargo & Co	56	Toledo & Wabash	64
American Express	58¾	do pref	80¾
U. S. Express	62¾	Pacific R'way	107¾
Pacific Mail	34¾	Terre Haute	16
New York Central	92¾	do pref	49
N. Y. Central scrip	87	Chicago & Alton	125¾
Erie	32	do preferred	119
Erie preferred	75	Ohio & Mississippi	30¾
Harlem	120¾	C C & C	87¾
do pref	136	Illinois Central	127¾
Reading	115¾	Lake Shore	90¾
Mich Central	115¾	Panama	136
Cleveland & Pitts	93¾	Rock Island Central	97¾
Northwestern, com	81¾	Union Pacific	97¾
do pref	94¾	Cumberland	30¾
Rock Island	100¾	Union	90¾

MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH.

Chicago Market.

CHICAGO, December 19, 1871.

FLOUR—Dull and nominal.

WHEAT—Moderately active but at a decline; No. 1 spring $1 23¾; No 2 $1 17¾; No 3 $1 09; seller January $1 18¾; seller February $1 21.

CORN—Dull and drooping; No 2 mixed 46¾@46¾c; rejected 39@39½c; seller January 40¾c; February 41¾@ 41¾c; April 43¾@43¾c; May 47@47¾c.

OATS—Quiet and weak at 31¾c; rejected 28@ 28¾c.

RYE—Quiet and unchanged at 62@62½c.

BARLEY—Quiet and unchanged; No 2 fall 59¾c; strictly fresh 60c.

PROVISIONS—Pork in fair demand but at lower rates, $13 15@13 20; seller January $13 25@13 30; February $13 10@13 75; seller March $13 90@14 00.

LARD—Dull and a shade lower at 8¾c; seller January 8¾@8¾c; seller February 9c; March 9¼c.

GREEN MEATS—Steady and unchanged.

BULK MEATS—Steady; shoulders 4½c; short rib middles 8¾c.

BEEF PRODUCTS—Unchanged.

HOGS—Dull and drooping; five at 4 09@4 55, with bulk of sales at $4 30@4 40; dressed $4 95.

WHISKY—Firm at 89c.

New York Market.

NEW YORK, December 19.—Cotton active and advanced; middling upland 19½c. Flour dull and declining; superfine western and State $5 75@6 00; common to good $6 25@6 55; good to choice $6 80@ 7 10; white wheat extra $7 10@7 30; extra Ohio $6 40@7 80. Receipts 84,000 barrels. Corn—Export and local demand, Whisky firm and active; buyers at 85½c; sellers at 86c. Wheat active and lower—No 2 Chicago and Milwaukee spring $1 49@1 52; winter red western $1 58@1 59; amber $1 61@1 62; white $1 60@1 70. Rye dull and nominal. Barley dull; Canada $1 15. Malt quiet. Corn more active but lower; fair export demand; new Western mixed and Ohio 73a75c. Oats active and firm. Rice and hops unchanged. Coffee firm and unchanged. Sugar steady and in moderate demand; fancy New Orleans 45a46c. Rice firm at 9@9¾c. Crude petroleum heavy; refined 22¾@23½c. Turpentine very firm at 46@47c. Pork firm; mess $13 50a13 62; March $15 00; prime $12 25; prime mess $14 50a14 75. Beef dull and quiet unchanged. Middles steady. Lard dull; No 1 to prime steam 8@9c; prime kettle rendered, 9¼@9¾c; February 9¾c; March 10c. Butter and cheese unchanged.

Louisville Market.

LOUISVILLE, December 12.—Tobacco active; sales 56 hhds; rags at $6 8oa7 26; low to good medium leaf $5.00a6 00. Bagging quiet at 12¾a14½c, cash, for round lots, long and 2ax. Cotton firm; middling 19c. Flour firm and in good order demand; extra family $6 50. Wheat in good local demand; millers buying at $1 30a1 45 for red and white. Corn firm; sales 2,000 bush shelled mixed, delivered in sacks, at 66c. Oats firm; prime 47c. Rye dull and steady; prime 76c. Provisions quiet and firm; mess pork $13 50a14; hams, sugar-cured, 14c, packed; bulk shoulders 8¾c; sides, clear rib, 6¾c; do clear 6¾c, packed. Hogs firm at $4 25a4 50; for low to choice $4 00; heavy weights bring $4 50.

Buffalo Cattle Market.

BUFFALO, December 19.—Cattle—supply 3,050, or 150 cars, a decrease of 86 cars compared with last week. The following are the rates current. Prices unchanged; holders are firm, asking higher prices; sales 100 Ohios of seven 997 lbs, 1,347 lbs at $4 50a5 25; 120 Illinois averaging 1,564 lbs at $6; 100 Missouri 1,290 to 1,326 lbs at $5 25a5 50; 100 Philadelphia 1,200 lbs at $5 50; fair to good Philadelphia steers, $5 25a5 50; extra at 4 50 for medium to good; $4 25a4 40 for choice.

Toledo Market.

TOLEDO, December 19.—Market dull and declined; extra $1 20a1 30; No 1 white $1 45¾; amber $1 40. Corn firm at 52a54c. Oats firm at 42a43c. Clover-seed in good demand at $6 40. Dressed hogs quiet at lower prices.

Cleveland Market.

CLEVELAND, December 19.—Wheat dull; no sales; No 2 red winter held at $1 46; No 2 do. Corn dull and nominal. Oats firm at 44c. Petroleum—refined firm at 24@22c in car lots; crude steady at 16 90a16 95.

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Nevada	Dec. 20	Liverpool.
Batavia	Dec. 23	Liverpool.
England	Dec. 23	Liverpool.
Australia	Dec. 23	Liverpool.
St. Laurent	Dec. 23	France.
Cuba	Dec. 27	Liverpool.
Wyoming	Dec. 27	Liverpool.
Tarifa	Dec. 28	Liverpool.

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China	Jan. 2	Liverpool.
Minnesota	Jan. 3	Liverpool.
Parthia	Jan. 6	Liverpool.
Idaho	Jan. 10	Liverpool.
Algonquin	Jan. 13	Liverpool.
Washington	Jan. 13	France.

RIVER TELEGRAMS.

Greensboro, Pa.

Special Dispatch to Commercial.

GREENSBORO, PA., December 19, 1871.

The river is falling, with three feet three inches water in the channel. Weather snowing; thermometer 19 at 5 P.M. F.

Brownsville, Pa.

Special Dispatch to the Commercial.

BROWNSVILLE, PA., December 19, 1871.

River stationary, with three feet six inches water in the channel. Snowing since noon; thermometer 27 at 5 P. M. C.

For Latest River Dispatches See Outsides.

RIVER NEWS.

THE weather yesterday was changeable in the morning. We had snow late in the day. River matters remain unchanged, with a poor prospect for water.

THE Fanny Brandels will be broken up and wrecked.

THE wreck of the Celeste has been abandoned to the underwriters.

THE steamer Exchange, Capt. E. Evans, left Cairo for St. Louis on Sunday.

THE Memphis *Avalanche* says the Belle Lee will lose $10,000 by her recent accident.

THE Tom Rees and barges are laid up at Salt river, drawing more water than there is in the river.

THE Indiana has 1,200 sacks corn engaged on the Lower Ohio for the Lower Mississippi, at 6½ @ 6¾.

SIXTY bales of cotton have arrived at Memphis from the wreck of the Fort Smith, at the mouth of White river, for the underwriters.

THE ice gorges have not broken up between St. Louis and Cairo, and navigation is now opened from St. Louis to all points South, but with only four feet of water.

THE river men, after reading the Washington special in yesterday's COMMERCIAL, were decidedly jubilant at the sensible view the members of Congress took in regard to steam. "Rah for us."

THE committee of steamboatmen now in Washington to secure relief from the oppressive features of the present steamboat law, represent a capital of $10,000,000 in steam tonnage.

THE little Flirt, recently dispatched to New Iberia, Louisiana, is on her return trip, loaded with sugar, molasses, &c., for parties in St. Louis. Adee, Barr & Co. have thirty-five barrels of molasses on board, consigned to them.

THE Emma C. Elliott, on her way to New Orleans, ran over the wreck of the Lucy Holcombe in crossing below Helena, broke a number of her knuckle joints, &c., for parties in St. Louis. Adee, Barr & Co. have thirty-five

THE VERY LATEST.

NEWS SUMMARY.

BY TELEGRAPH

As it is thought the Juarez Government cannot outlive the present month, the Mexicans are seriously discussing an American protectorate.

The election for Governor in Georgia, yesterday, to fill the unexpired term of Bullock, passed off very quietly. Not more than 60,000 votes were polled, all for Smith, Democrat, who had no opposition.

Alexis had a warm welcome at Ottawa, Ontario, yesterday, and made a pleasant little speech expressing his gratitude.

Bank examiner Callender was arrested by a United States officer last night, at his home in New Jersey, on a charge of receiving a bribe of $15,000 from the Ocean National Bank.

Emancipation is going on quietly in Brazil.

THE WEATHER.

WAR DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF SIGNAL OFFICER,
WASHINGTON, D. C., December 19, 1871, 7:30 P. M.

PROBABILITIES.

The disturbance on the Pacific coast will probably pass northwestward into Montana, and falling barometer and rising temperature prevail on Wednesday at Rocky Mountain stations; the high barometer north of Missouri move eastward with diminished pressure, and cold northwest winds prevail west of Apalachian range; cloudy weather with westerly winds prevail very generally Wednesday along the Atlantic coast; brisk winds from North Carolina to Maryland. Navigation being closed upon the lakes, the display of cautionary signals will be suspended at lake ports during the winter.

New Orleans Market.

NEW ORLEANS, December 19.—Sugar dull and easier; inferior 6½@6¾c; common to good common 7@7½c; fair to fully fair 7¾@8c; prime 9¼@9½c. Molasses dull; inferior 29@30c; common 30@35c; fair 38@39c; prime 39@40c; good prime to choice 41@45c. Whisky firmer at 96@$1 03½. Coffee advanced; fair 19½c; good 19¾@20¾c. Cotton quiet; sales 5,000 bales; good ordinary at 15½c; low middling 16c; middling 19¾c.

THE following statistics, taken from a Japanese letter, are interesting: The Prince of Kanga, Maida Kagarno Kami, has an annual revenue of 1,309,700 kokous of rice, estimated in sterling to be equal to $3,848,600; the Prince of Owari, Tokunaga Owari Dono, is estimated to have an annual revenue of 629,500 kokous of rice, estimated in sterling at $2,014,400; the Prince of Kaiou, Tokungawa, Kidono, of Kaiou, is estimated to have 550,000 kokous of rice, or sterling, $1,776,000; the Prince of Aki, Matsdaira Mino No Kami, is possessed as revenue of 426,000 kokous, or $1,395,200 sterling; while the Prince of Mito, Tokungawa Mito Dono, has one of 350,000 kokous, or $1,120,000 sterling. These five opposition princes thus control, unitedly, an annual income of $10,154,240.

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LITERARY ENTERTAINMENT.

A Pleasant Evening at the Female College.

Last evening a number of the young ladies of the Pittsburgh Female College gave a literary and musical entertainment in the cosy little chapel of the institution. There was a very large and fine presentnumbering some of our best and most intelligent citizens. Miss S. S. Darragh opened the exercises with a solo on the piano, after which the Rev. Mr. Pearce led in prayer. Mrs. Biessner and Miss Lou Pershing followed with a duet for the piano, each accompanied by Prof. Biessner at the organ. "The Legend Beautiful" was read by Miss Hettie Hasbrouck, after which the programme continued as follows:

Song, "Maggie's Secret," Miss Minnie Magel. Essay, "Only Calico," Miss Jennie C. Patterson. Vocal duet, "The Fisherman," Prof. Biessner and Mrs. Jameson. Select reading, "Belsey and I are Out," Miss Mary B. Kier. Instrumental duett, Miss Hattie Wallace and Mrs. Biessner. Essay, "Betsey Bobbet Destroys the Paper," Miss Laura Sawhill. Song, "Good-bye, Sweet Day," Prof. Biessner and Miss Kate Brewster. Select reading, "Albert Drecker," Miss Lizzie K. Pershing. Song, "Long Live the Moments of Pleasure," Miss Minnie Magel. Essay, "Girls as Gossips," Miss Emma Hair. Piano solo, Prof. Biessner.

Where all did so excellently well as on last evening it is extremely difficult to point out the most successful efforts of the occasion. Without desiring to be invidious, however, in the opinion of many the essay "Only Calico," by Miss Jennie C. Patterson, was the gem of the evening, both as regards its composition and the manner in which it was read. Miss Maggie B. Kier read Carleton's "Betsy and I are out" in a happy manner, as did Miss Laura Sawhill, "Betsey Bobbet Destroys a Paper." Miss Emma Hair favored the audience with an original essay "Girls as Gossips" which was very well received.

Of the musical portion of the programme, a duett, "The Fisherman," between Miss Brewster and Mrs. Jameson was exquisitely rendered. Miss Hattie Wallace and Mrs. Biessner performed an instrumental duett very artistically. Miss Minnie Magel sang a couple of ballads, and Miss Kate Brewster rendered "Good Bye, Sweet Day," in a manner which was received quite enthusiastically. The entertainment, which was conducted by the Rev. Dr. Pershing, President of the College, was greatly enjoyed throughout and proved highly satisfactory to the audience, while it reflected much credit upon the institution and its faculty.

The Rev. Dr. Pershing announced during the evening that the term would soon be inaugurated. Pupils, however, could enter at any time, no matter opportune their arrival, and be immediately after the holidays. Arrangements had been perfected so that young ladies could be received in any branch taught in the College—vocal music, piano, guitar, painting, wax work, French, German, &c.—without entering into the regular course of studies. This will prove very convenient for those desiring to perfect themselves in either of the branches taught. All information can be obtained by calling on the President at the College, on Sixth street, between Penn street and Duquesne Way.

PUBLIC AMUSEMENTS.

Jane Coombs.

Library Hall was crowded last night on the occasion of the second appearance of Miss Jane Coombs and the audience was one of the finest that ever witnessed a dramatic performance in this city, and Miss Coombs may consider herself particularly complimented by the fact, that many of those present belonged to some of our first families, who are not usually found among the patrons of the drama. The "School for Scandal" was produced. This comedy it is trite to remark is one of, if not the best, in the English language, yet the statement is allowable from the fact that it, like all other good plays, is at the mercy of the players, and the real merits and excellencies of the piece have never been more thoroughly disguised than they were last night. The part of *Lady Teazle*, properly conceived, is really charming. It gives scope for acting, is full of charming *naivete* and sparkling humor, and requires so many sudden transitions from grave to gay, that even after a thorough conception of the part is gained, but few ladies have the ability of portraying it. Hence the stage furnishes so many burlesques of *Lady Teazles*, Miss Coombs has mastered the part and presents the character as a finished picture, with no slight wanting, no shade omitted, but with the most artistic blending of all that stamps the picture as a perfect gem. To say more of Mr. Bradley's *Sir Peter Teazle* would be impossible, to say less would be unjust. The parts are companion pictures. Mr. Robinson, as *Charles Surface*, proves himself, as always, the finished actor, and the remainder of the cast is highly creditable. Mr. Mark Bates was good as *Joseph Surface* and Mr. Curran excellent as *Sir Oliver Surface*.

The screen scene last night was alone sufficient to repay the audience, and if it had been alone presented, they would have had the worth of their money. To-night "The Lady of Lyons" will be given.

Pittsburgh Opera House.

Robertson's comedy, "Caste," was given by the Wyndham troupe last night at this house to but a small audience. The play is unquestionably the most natural production of its deceased author, and is as charming a little comedy as any of the modern school. It was written to expose the bugbear, caste, in England, and such being the case, it conveys lessons which may have a salutary effect even in this more enlightened country. Miss Jane Ringgold as *Esther Eccles*, Miss Cowell as *Polly*, Mrs. Marie Wilkins as the *Marquise*, Mr. Fitzpatrick as the *Hon. George D'Alroy*, Mr. Burnett as *Captain Hawtree*, Mr. Holston as *Eccles*, and Mr. H. B. Fleming as *Sam*, were all excellent. We regret that the want of space prevents more extended criticism.

"Caste" will be repeated to-night, and all who visit the theater will insure a really enjoyable evening.

Fifth Avenue Opera House.

"Through by Daylight" and Mr. James M. Ward were greeted last night by a full house. The piece is one which cannot fail to please the lovers of the sensational, and it was heartily indorsed by the audience last night. The performance was brought to an abrupt termination by the most unfortunate accident. Towards the close of the last act Mrs. Meek, as *Edith Comstock*, is supposed to be thrown from a rock at an elevation of some twenty feet from the stage, and in order to perform the descent she has to be supported by a rope attached to a strap placed around her. The strap last night in some manner slipped, and the lady fell from the height specified. Mrs. Meek was apparently much injured, and though the green curtain fell the audience refused to leave until Mr. Ward had come before the curtain and announced that Mrs. Meek was not seriously injured but could not appear again to conclude the performance. Mrs. Meek will be able to appear to-night.

"Through by Daylight" will be repeated to-night.

Trimble's Varieties.

All that need be said—A good show, and a full house. The New York blondes and a new programme to-night.

The Carlotta Watch.

It is a diamond studded gold watch and chatelain, which was manufactured on special order of the ladies of Guadaloupe by a house in Paris, with the letter C, also set with diamonds, on the back of the watch, which is a piece of lapis lazuli, and presented to the Empress Carlotta in Mexico during the existence of the empire. After Maximilian had been arrested the Empress gave this watch, with other valuables, to induce the guard to liberate him. Padre Fischer, who is said to have been Maximilian's chaplain, brought it to New York, where it was sold, and from thence it passed here, and is now on exhibition at the jewelry establishment of J. B. McFadden & Co. There is no doubt of its genuineness, as it is attested to by the Minister to Mexico at that time, and by the house in Paris where it was manufactured, as well as by other influential and intelligent parties who were cognizant of the facts.

Almost Serious.

Last evening Mrs. Meek, the leading lady at the Fifth Avenue Opera House, met with an accident during the performance of "Through by Daylight," which although severe, is not at all serious. During the drama the lady makes a leap from one side of the stage to the other by means of a rope secured to the flies. This rope is attached to the actress's body by means of, what in theatrical parlance is termed "harness." While Mrs. Meek was *en route* from the "O. P." to the "P. S." side of the stage the "harness" gave way and she fell heavily against a "set piece." Although severely injured, Mrs. Meek will be able to appear to-night.

A Trip Spoiled.

Last evening an information was made before Mayor Brush by Mr. John M. Patterson, who charged David Smith with attempting to defraud his creditors Mr. Smith kept a little trimming and furnishing store on Wylie ave., and it is alleged that he had secretly disposed of a portion of his stock, and had fraudulently disposed of a part of it, intending to start for Ireland, via New York, last night. He was arrested by Detective Jos. Cuppins, and held for a hearing to day.

For Indigestion, Dyspepsia, depression of spirits and general debility in their various forms, also as a preventive against fever and ague, and other intermittent fevers, the "Ferro-Phosphorated Elixir of Calisaya," made by Caswell, Hazard & Co., of New York, and sold by all druggists, is the best tonic, and as a tonic for patients recovering from fever or other sickness it has no equal. MW

COURT PROCEEDINGS.

District Court—Judges Hampton and Kirkpatrick.

The case of Ewing *et ux.* vs. Thompson, Administrator, which has been on trial for several days before Hon. Judge Kirkpatrick, was concluded yesterday afternoon. A verdict for plaintiff in the sum of $1,743 75 was rendered by the jury.

The case of Kilpbilet Downer *et al*, vs. W. H. Brown, was taken up. This is a feigned issue to try the validity of certain judgments and executions thereon against Jenkins, McNeish & Co. Messrs. Shannon and Lucas appear for the plaintiffs and Burgwin and Woods for defendants. On trial.

In the case of Mary Andrews vs. William Ward et al., action in replevin to recover goods levied on by virtue of a landlord's warrant, previously reported, the jury rendered a verdict for the defendant, and further found the sum of $137 50 due Mr. Ward for rent.

Patrick McNulty vs. Paul Jacobs, action on a mechanic's lien. Verdict for plaintiff in the sum of $37 44.

Joseph A. Butler, administrator, vs. Wm. C. Barr. This was an action brought to recover from Wm. C. Barr certain moneys in his hand as executor of the will of Margaret Barr, deceased. The counsel for the defense made no offers, and under the instructions of the Court the jury found $816 for plaintiff.

The last case taken up yesterday was that of Austin & Co. vs. Edw. Megraw *et ux.* Action in ejectment. A juror was withdrawn and settlement made, by permission of the Court.

TRIAL LIST FOR TO-DAY.

132. West Pa. R. R. Co. vs. Jos. Hecke.
133. West Pa. R. R. Co. vs. Adam Lerch.
134. West Pa. R. R. Co. vs. John Wacher.
149. City of Pittsburgh vs. S. S. Cluley.
150. City of Pittsburgh vs. Jane Ritchie.
151. City of Pittsburgh vs. John F. Cluley.
152. Z. F. Schmidt vs. Henry Waggner.
155. Catharine Wealth vs. August Vick.
158. Nubbs vs. Norriman.

Criminal Court—Judge Collier.

In this Court yesterday the following petty cases were disposed of:

John Robb, indicted for assault and battery, Daniel Hull prosecutor, was found guilty.

John Eichy was tried for assault and battery, Charles McManus prosecutor. The jury found a verdict of not guilty, but divided the costs between the parties.

George Little and Samuel Kennedy were tried on a charge of assault and battery preferred by Andrew Davis. The jury found a verdict of not guilty, but directed the costs to be paid by the defendants.

Sophia Schmidt was indicted for the larceny of a cigar box and contents, valued at two dollars, the property of Maria Lutz. Verdict of not guilty.

Edward Scott, a colored lad, plead guilty to the larceny of twenty dollars. Sentenced to the Workhouse for nine months.

Benj. Fabrian was put on trial on two charges—one for assault and battery and one for the larceny of some female wearing apparel—Clarissa Dittig appearing as prosecutrix. Jury out.

Commonwealth vs. Prudence Bradley, indicted for assault and battery on oath of John M. Hazlett. The alleged assault was made on Mr. Hazlett's wife by the defendant. Mr. Reardon appears for plaintiff and Mr. John C. McCarthy and Mr. Wm. Owens for defendant. Mr. McCarthy was about to prove that Mrs. Bradley was subject to "impulsive insanity" when Court adjourned.

TRIAL LIST FOR TO-DAY

Commonwealth against.

Jas. McQuaide,	Kate Gamill,
Jonathan Stringer,	Michael Fox,
Louis Hilke,	George Hall,
Sarah Cassey,	Wm. Albrees et al.,
John Peiler,	A. B. Herschell,
Jacob Siegel,	Wm. Barret al.,
Stephen Beach,	Herman Schuler,
Michael Graham.	A. Stang,
	Wm. Spielman,
	Minnie Morra.

Coroners Pleas—Judge Sterrett.

Yesterday the case of McCormick & Warwick vs. Hahn was concluded. The jury found for plaintiffs in the sum of 6¾ cents.

Following was the case of the Commonwealth for the use of Hoffman & Hale vs. Fin Mains, et al. This was an action on an anticlerk's bond. Plaintiffs left goods with the defendant to be sold, but no return of the proceeds was made. The jury found for the Commonwealth in the sum of $5,000, the amount of the bond, and assessed damages for plaintiffs in the sum of $2,225.

Louis Schmidt vs. Thomas Miller, Sr., action to recover amount due for property of the latter from defendant's cellar. On trial.

In the case of Catharine McNally vs. James McNally, a decree of divorce was granted.

TRIAL LIST FOR TO-DAY.

31. Bushnell & Tweesdale vs. Louther & Tyson.
32. Agnew & Wilcox vs. McKelvy.
34. Hunter vs. Hershberg & Co.
35. Steamboat Tom Farron vs. Blair.
36. McDonald et ux. vs. Streng.
39. J. P. Barr & Co. vs. John Newton & Co.
45. Renaut vs. Hoeveler.
46. Daniel Clark et ux. vs. Daumberger.
50. Haney vs. Pittsburgh Theological Seminary.

Notice to Constables.

The constables of the Fifth, Seventh, Twelfth, Fourteenth, Fifteenth, Seventeenth, Twenty-first and Twenty-first wards, Pittsburgh, will appear before the grand jury on their returns on Wednesday, December 20th, at 9:30 A. M., and the constables of the First, Second, and Fifth wards, Allegheny, the boroughs of Grimsby, Monongahela, and South and South Pittsburgh, and the townships of Elizabeth and Shaler on Thursday, December 21, at 9:30 A. M.

United States District Court—Judge McCandless.

In this court yesterday morning, a petition was filed on behalf of Moses L. Metzgar & Co., of Philadelphia, asking that T. M. Alexander, of Clearfield county, be adjudicated a bankrupt. The petitioners also asked for an injunction restraining certain executions of creditors of Alexander from disposing of or interfering with his property or estate.

THAT FINANCIER.

Evidence of His Doings Accumulate—Another Discovery.

In yesterday's COMMERCIAL we gave the particulars of the arrest of a man giving the name of Geo. H. Irwin, charged, nominally, with false pretenses, but apparently concerned in crimes of a much more serious nature, the principal of which was his attempt to swindle the Union National Bank out of several thousand dollars. While in custody yesterday he was identified by a number of bank officials, among them some gentlemen connected with the Fort Pitt Savings Bank, Wood street. This visit developed a new chain of circumstances which, if correct, will not go far towards proving the innocence of anything wrong, as claimed by Irwin. It will be remembered that some weeks ago a grain dealer in this city received a package from Rhode and four—package contained a sample of wheat and some gold pieces. The accompanying letter stated to the grain dealer that the writer had a large quantity of wheat similar to the sample to sell, and asked for terms. The writer also modestly asked the grain dealer to sell the accompanying gold, and send the check for the amount to his address at McKeesport. The request was complied with, and a check on the Fort Pitt Bank for $24 was sent to the address indicated. Subsequently the check, raised to the amount of $2,400, was presented at the Fort Pitt Bank and duly cashed. It is now said that Irwin, the prisoner, is the man who presented the fraudulent check, and he is supposed to be the McKeesport man who was interested in grain. It is thought that he took the money so procured to the Bridgeport Bank, and with it procured the good drafts with which he was enabled to commence and carry on transactions here. When the hearing comes off the whole truth will no doubt come to light.

ALLEGED INFRINGEMENT OF PATENT.

The Pennsylvania Salt Manufacturing Company vs. James J. Jewett.

Judge McKennan, of the United States Circuit Court, was engaged some five hours yesterday, hearing an argument on a motion for a preliminary injunction on behalf of the Pennsylvania Salt Manufacturing Company, to restrain James J. Jewett, of Philadelphia, from the use of a process for manufacturing and putting up caustic soda. The works of the plaintiffs, which are located near this city, are widely known throughout the country, and they complain that Mr. Jewett has infringed their patent process for making and putting up what is known among housekeepers as "concentrated lye." The defendant is the agent of Mr. T. C. Taylor, of Philadelphia, who claims to manufacture upon a different process, and to put up his alkali in a different way, for which he has a patent. A material point consists in this: The plaintiffs have a patent for putting up their lye in "a metallic integument," while the defendant denies that he uses "a metallic integument." The Pennsylvania Salt Manufacturing Company have successfully prosecuted a score or more of infringements of this patent, but whether this is such is the point to be determined.

The case was very ably argued by George Harding, Esq., for the complainants, and Henry Baldwin, Jr., Esq., for defendant—both gentlemen being members of the Philadelphia bar.

Judge McKennan took charge of the papers, and will render a decision at an early day.

A SAD CASE.

Death from Intemperance.

Yesterday afternoon Coroner West held an inquest on the remains of an unknown man found dead on a slack pile, just opposite the railroad station at Mansfield. The deceased had been seen during the day in company with another man, in the borough. They were both under the influence of liquor, and appeared to be out of money. Dr. Walker, who examined the remains, gave it as his opinion that the deceased had visited the slack pile to warm himself, had fallen asleep there, and by inhalation of the poisonous gas arising from the heated ashes had met his death. A verdict in accordance with the facts was rendered. The man who had been in company with the deceased was seen subsequently wandering about the village without any hat, and having his clothes burned in several places. Deceased was about thirty years of age, five feet four inches high, black moustache and small goatee, and was dressed in dark clothes. He has been recognized as a rolling mill hand, but his name had not been ascertained last night. The body was taken in charge by Mr. Bienhaur, the undertaker, on Grant street, for identification.

THE WATER COMMISSION.

The Location of the Pumping Works and Negley's Hill Reservoir.

The engineers of the Water Commission, Messrs. Kennedy and Lowry, have been instructed to make a survey of the ground at the mouth of Negley's Run, where it is proposed to locate the pumping works and principal reservoirs, with a view to aid the Commissioners in determining the exact locations. In the original report of the hydraulic engineers, it was "proposed to locate the principal pumping works above Negley's run, and below Shaden's run, at some suitable point hereafter to be selected—there being two or three within a short distance of Negley's run." The selection of the exact locations devolves upon the Commissioners, and the amount and character of the ground required will depend somewhat upon the sites chosen. It is necessary, therefore, to make a survey for the purpose stated. The Commissioners will meet again to-morrow, when the matter of location of pumping works and reservoirs will probably come up for discussion.

Opening of Bronzes, Fine Jewelry, Diamonds, &c.

J. B. McFadden & Co., 95 Market street, will open for inspection and sale this morning, one of the largest, most elegant and varied assortments of articles suitable for holiday presentation ever brought to Pittsburgh. Their selection of bronzes is particularly noticeable, while the line of silver and silver plated ware of the latest patterns cannot be excelled for tastefulness of design or purity of material. In the way of jewelry they will display a magnificent stock of those cameos in artistic designs and beautiful mountings, as also of diamonds and other precious stones. Little difficulty will be encountered in selecting from the shelves or counters of Messrs. McFadden & Co. gifts to suit the most fastidious and exacting tastes.

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Mellor & Hoene have considered how they might help those who wish a piano, but are not able to pay cash or in large installments. They are benefactors as well as tradesmen. They have established the Rent Plan, which puts the matter of owning one of their splendid Pianos within the reach of all.

Now this is the place to purchase presents for the Holidays. A father can make no more acceptable present, nor one more useful than a good piano to his daughter. A brother cannot do better than present a faithful and devoted sister with a piano. An organ for a church would be a timely holiday present. Go to Mellor & Hoene's and make a choice of your intended presents. They can suit you in style, in finish, in tone, and every other quality that pertains to a good instrument, and then satisfy you in price. Remember Mellor & Hoene's is the place to buy your holiday Pianos and Organs, No. 53 Fifth Avenue, Pittsburgh.

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NINETY-EIGHT

Furnishing Goods at C. L Barr's, 98 Smithfield street.

We take pleasure in offering our readers to the furnishing store of Mr. C. L Barr, at No. 98 Smithfield street. Although Mr. Barr's room is not so pretentious as some others, purchasers will find at once a stock of goods on his shelves and counters as can be found in the city, including gentlemen's underwear, shirts and drawers, of all styles, of all qualities and at all prices, socks in great variety, a profusion of neckties, scarfs, &c., and paper collars of all the latest styles. Mr. Barr makes a specialty of fine white shirts, and manufactures to order on short notice the best fitting and most durable shirt to be obtained in the city at $1 50 to $2 00.

Having been engaged in the business Mr. Barr is familiar with it in all its details and he is fond of encumbering his shelves with such his patrons not only profit by his experience but are benefitted by his location, as he is not compelled to charge enormous profits to pay big rents, and can afford to sell his goods at a smaller margin than those who are not so fortunate in that respect. During the time he has been in business he has made a host of friends, and lavish attention to business, uniform courtesy to customers and honesty in all business transactions he has built up a large and profitable trade, which his friends will be pleased to learn is rapidly increasing. If any of our readers are in need of furnishing goods, and particularly fine shirts, they will save money by giving Mr. Barr a call.

Bohemian Glassware.

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